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discover
research opportunities
at ICO*



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Friday, April 10 - Saturday, April 18

College / IEI Closed - Spring Recess
Third-year students return April 13

MAY

Wednesday, May 13

Capstone
ICO Campus

Saturday, May 16

Commencement
Rockefeller Chapel
University of Chicago

Alumni Council Meeting
ICO Campus

The "Eye" Ball
*A gala to benefit the charitable services
and programs of the Illinois Eye Institute*
Ritz-Carlton Chicago

MAY, (CONTINUED)

Saturday, May 23 - Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday
College / IEI Closed

JUNE

Thursday, June 25 - Saturday, June 27

ICO Exhibit Booth
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Gaylord National Hotel
and Convention Center
Washington, D.C.

Friday, June 26

ICO Alumni Reception
AOA - Optometry's Meeting
Gaylord National Hotel
and Convention Center
Washington, D.C.

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ICO'S ALUMNI WEEKEND » » »

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Don't miss this exciting weekend of social events and continuing education planned for all ICO alumni! Reconnect with old friends, see what's new at your Alma Mater (including our newly renovated 3rd floor Eyepod), and enjoy the many attractions of the Windy City.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Message from the President

Dear Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,

The mission of the Illinois College of Optometry is to provide excellence in clinical optometric education. We are proud to claim we do this at the highest competitive levels in the country. So why would this issue of *ICO Matters* address the topic of research in optometry at ICO?

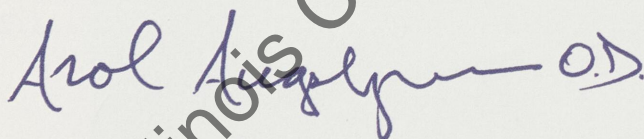
The reason is, of course, that as a "learned profession," we have an obligation to the public we serve to develop new ideas and knowledge that will make future eye and vision care even better than the high levels of care we expect today.

We are an institution that is committed to making a difference in the communities we serve. One way we do this is through the evidence-based application of knowledge. Our faculty members actively pursue answers to important questions in our field, and they translate their findings into improved clinical care. For example, professor Dr. Dan Roberts' innovative research on pigmentary dispersion glaucoma is supported by a major National Eye Institute grant (see story on p. 15). In our new clinical research lab, he's developing advanced technology to aid diagnosis. His publications, and the peer-reviewed work of many other ICO faculty members, are bringing new insight to the future of optometric patient care.

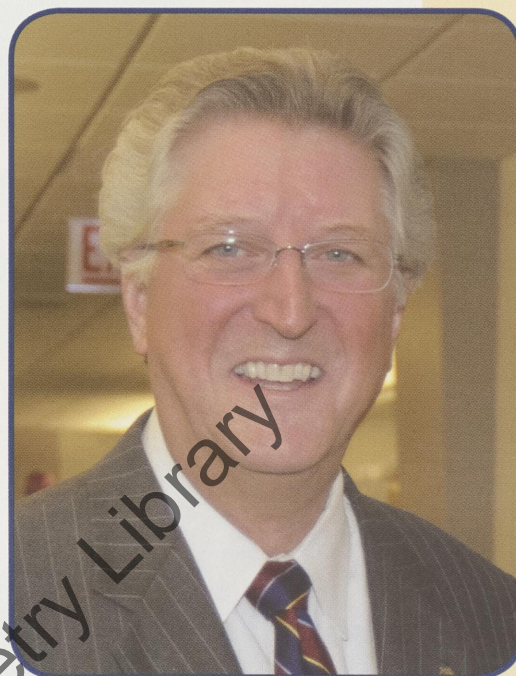
ICO's doctoral students are influenced by their faculty members. Many of our students have presented their research at regional and national meetings. Some have won national awards for their efforts. Read more about their search for knowledge in this issue (see p. 12).

Alumni of ICO are also making research contributions in other fine institutions across the country. Places such as the University of Houston and Vanderbilt University (see story on p. 17). Life-long contributions to the profession are the obligation of all our alumni. In this issue we salute those who make these contributions through research.

Sincerely,



Arol Augsburg, OD



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The optometric institutions throughout the United States are a mix of state and private colleges. The state optometric schools are normally associated with large universities, which generally place greater emphasis than private colleges on research, Masters and PhD programs.

Private colleges such as the Illinois College of Optometry concentrate more on the clinical aspects of education. Having said that, ICO also is or has been involved in numerous research projects.

And research will continue to grow. In addition to our new facilities, such as the Eyepod and Clinical Research Suite, the Board of Trustees presently has a task force studying sources of revenue through research, as well as additional degree programs and studies.

The Board is always evaluating ways to expand the revenues of the College through viable means other than student tuition. For example, our March 2009 meeting was at Salus University, formerly Pennsylvania College of Optometry, which has taken on additional degree programs to enhance revenue. We were in Philadelphia to share ideas, methods and concepts with other private optometric colleges to determine if any of these approaches may be applicable to ICO and IEL.

We'll be in touch about the proceedings. In the meantime, and continuing, we are open to your ideas and support in this area.

Thank you,

Richard S. Kattouf, OD, DOS

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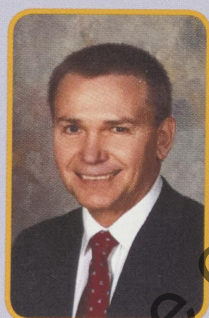


Irwin Kronenberg, Vice President for Haag-Streit USA's Specialty Division (l), with ICO Board Chairman, Richard Kattouf, OD '72, at the dedication of Haag-Streit's two assessment rooms in the Eyepod

CROSSROADS

Although their paths to the Illinois College of Optometry were different, both new members of the Board of Trustees had ties to the College that compelled them to serve when asked.

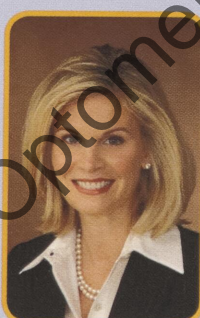
The Illinois College of Optometry was not his alma mater, but Paul Erickson, OD, PhD, had met and worked with many ICO graduates during his career. In particular, Erickson joined the practice of Marshall Petersen, NICO '54, in 1976. "I was always impressed with [ICO graduates'] clinical skills and commitment to the profession," Erickson says.



Vice President of Surgical Research and Development at Bausch & Lomb in Rochester, New York, Erickson believes that serving on the ICO Board is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the profession that has afforded him such great opportunities.

Sandra Reese, CPA, became acquainted with ICO when her firm, Chicago-based Reese Partners, LLC, was selected by the College to help develop and revise its 2006 strategic plan. She worked with the Board of Trustees and key stakeholders on the five-year plan that was adopted in 2007.

"I knew that ICO was one of the leaders in optometric education," she says. "But I have learned so much more about the importance of supporting the College's educational



NEW TRUSTEES TAKE DIFFERENT PATHS TO ICO

mission, including the patient care provided at the Illinois Eye Institute."

Noting the number of underserved and underrepresented patients served at IEL, Reese says, "ICO is helping so many young kids who don't have the means to get glasses. They are providing opportunities that can change lives."

As a professional woman, Reese also was inspired by the large female student base at ICO.

Both trustees, appointed to the Board in May 2008, are focused on achieving the goals set by the strategic plan. That includes potential reinvestment in the College's three endowments: the faculty and intellectual property, financial assets and liabilities, and facilities such as buildings, equipment, and technological infrastructure.

Reese is hopeful that her skills in working with the allocation of resources will benefit ICO as it moves forward with strategic investments and tackling the strategic issues that face it. "I've been impressed with the leadership and people on staff at ICO," she says.

For his part, Erickson says, "I look forward to working with the Board and staff in identifying and implementing alternate sources (beyond student tuition) of sustainable revenue for the College."

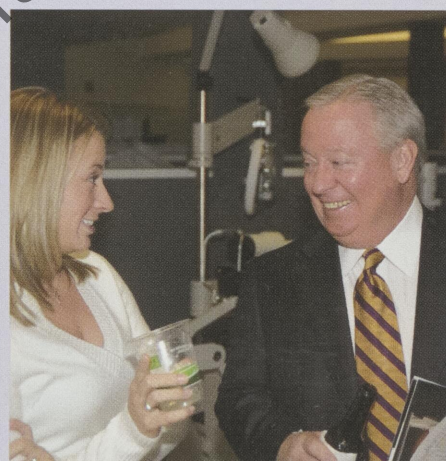
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GRAND OPENING

APPLAUSE ALL AROUND FOR ICO's EYEPD

Everyone seems to agree: ICO's Eyepod is outstanding!

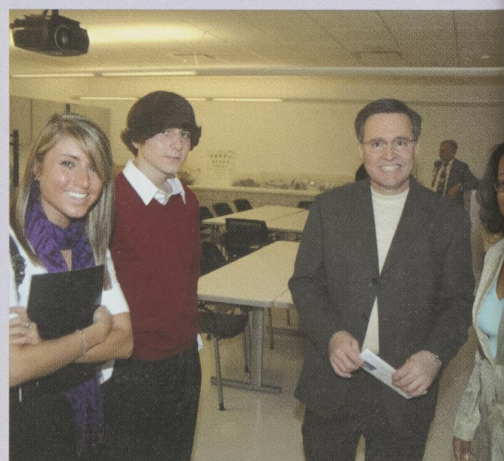
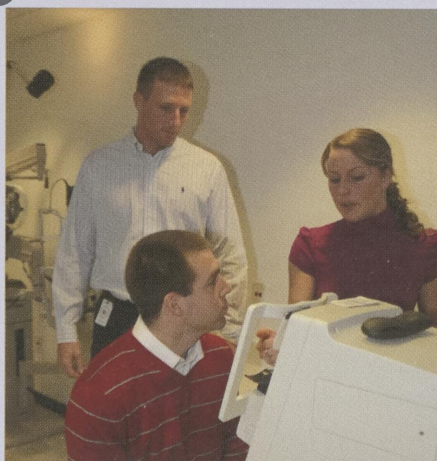
Officially known as the Enhanced Learning Center, the Eyepod opened with a celebration and dedication ceremony on January 10, 2009. Students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and donors filled the new third-floor space with good cheer and palpable appreciation for the labs, classrooms, equipment, assessment and study rooms.



Students served as ambassadors and demonstrators of the high-tech, multi-faceted laboratory lanes and classrooms, many named for donors to the center. Faculty raved about the new facility, and alumni lamented they were born too soon to use it.

"If I were a prospective student," said one attendee, "this would be the tipping point."

"Without a doubt," commented trustee James Butler, OD '59, and former Chairman of the Board, "this is the very top of optometric education."



(top left) Dr. Augsburger cuts the cake; (top middle) Lois and Don Crouch, OD '63; (top right) ICO student Courtney Krohn and Richard Franz, OD '72; (bottom left) students demonstrate the new equipment; (bottom right) Joe DiGiorgio, OD '82, and his children (left) with ICO employee, Tahira Bedgood



Dr. Paul and Deborah Erickson



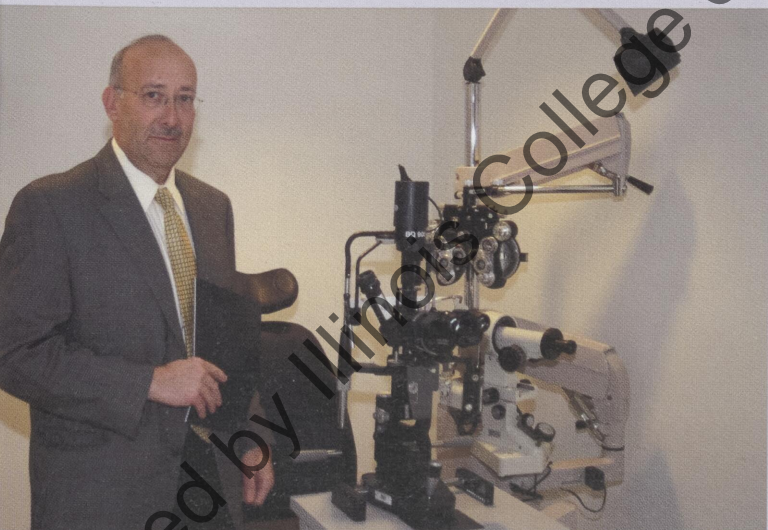
Faheemah Saeed, OD '05, and Zeki Nur with Drs. Kattouf (left) and Augsburger



Timothy and Laura Rounce, Vice President for Human and Physical Resources, with Drs. Augsburger and Kattouf



Dr. Martin Sikorski



Erwin Kronenberg, Vice President for Haag-Streit USA's Specialty Division

DONORS TO THE EYEPD WERE CELEBRATED DURING THE GRAND OPENING

Amid the celebration of ICO's new Enhanced Learning Center, attendees paused to acknowledge the generous support of those who have made named gifts to the Eyepod. "The new Eye Labs are crucial elements to our new facilities," said President Augsburger at the ceremony. "During the planning for this project, our students made only one request — for additional training lanes to use for practicing their ophthalmic techniques. Today, students have 38 lanes between two new Eye Labs. We are very grateful to those who helped us achieve this goal."

• Haag-Streit USA

In appreciation for its generosity, two assessment rooms have been dedicated to Haag-Streit.

• ICO's Faculty

A faculty campaign was launched to raise funds in support of the Eyepod. Two training lanes have been named in their honor — one in each Eye Lab. To date, 18 faculty have made donations.

• Dr. Don Bush

• Dr. Paul and Mrs. Deborah Erickson

The Erickson's training lane was dedicated in honor of their recently departed daughter, Inger.

• Zeki Nur

Mr. Nur's gift is dedicated to his wife, Faheemah Saeed, OD '05, an attending optometrist in IEI's Primary Care Service.

• Laura and Timothy Rounce

• Dr. Janice Scharre and Mr. David Scharre

• Dr. Martin and Mrs. Joanne Sikorski

• The Estate of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Thomas

In appreciation for their generous estate gift, a research lab at the north end of the Eyepod is named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Thomas.

If you are interested in making a contribution to name a lane or a room in the Eyepod, please contact the ICO Student, Alumni and College Development Office at (312) 949-7071.

Are You Home Safely?

Dr. Colip tracks ICO students in India during terrorist attacks

Three ICO students – Pranali Mehta, Komal Patel and Puja Shah – were in India on a SVOSH mission when terrorists attacked in Mumbai on November 26, 2008. Though their work was based in Balighai, Orissa, the third-years were away for nearly two weeks, some of which they spent traveling. Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development, Mark Colip, OD '92, provided this transcript of his email in search of them.

Hello Pranali, Komal and Puja;



I just wanted to check-in with each of you and make sure that your travels back to Chicago went safely? I'm not sure if each of you were on the same return flights, but would each of you

please reply to this e-mail so that I know you returned safely?

I hope that you had a good mission trip and I'm sure that you did a lot of good. I'm also hoping that you were able to avoid the very frightening happenings in India that I watched anxiously on TV knowing that you were all there somewhere.

Let me know how it went.

Thanks,

Dr. Colip

Hi Dr. Colip,

All three of us are back in Chicago safe and sound. Komal and I came back together and Pranali just got back yesterday night.

The mission was very educational, we saw lots of cataracts and ocular diseases. I'm glad I went there.

I'm also glad the three of us got back here safely. Luckily the bombings were 45 minutes away from the airport so none of us were affected by it and the security was really tight coming back.

Komal and I were at the Taj and Oberoi hotel a week before the bombings. It's so sad to see what happened to it. There were two hostages on our flight back... we didn't get a chance to speak to them, but I'm thankful to be home safe.

Thanks for checking in!

Puja Shah
Class of 2010



Puja Shah (right) and Komal Patel at the Taj Hotel, a week before last year's terrorist attacks there



(left to right) Puja Shah, Pranali Mehta, and Komal Patel

Familiar Faces, New Places

For several of ICO's faculty and staff members, it was time to step up this winter... into new roles at the College. Congratulations to all!

ADMINISTRATION

MARK COLIP, OD '92, Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development, reflecting the integration of Student Affairs and the Development Office

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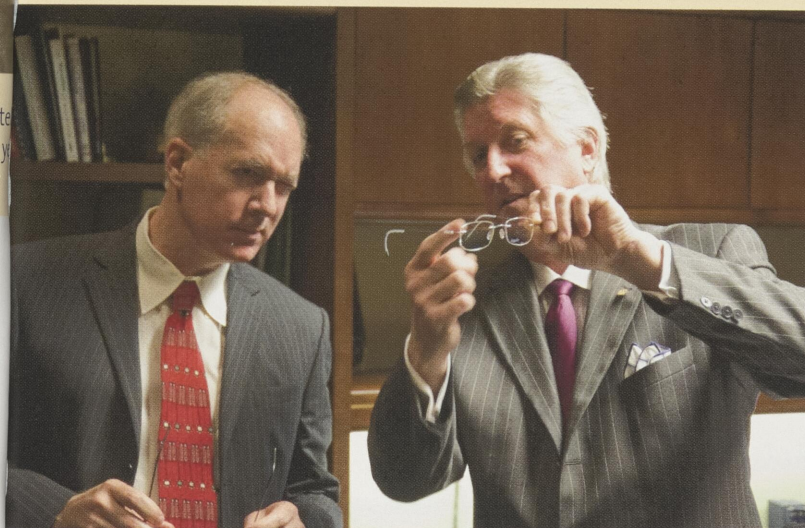
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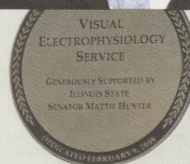
TRISH de MAAT, Senior Director of College Development

BETH KARMIS, Senior Director of Student Development



Illinois Congressman Bill Foster is given a lesson in optics by Dr. Arol Augsburger, when they met to discuss optometric education in Illinois.

(left to right) Last fall Illinois State Representative Elect, Will Burns, met with Dr. Michelle Walker of IEI's ACCESS Health Network and ICO President Dr. Arol Augsburger to discuss issues such as funding for Medicaid and the Health Services Education Grants Act.



The Illinois Eye Institute honored Illinois State Senator, Mattie Hunter, by dedicating a state-of-the-art Visual Electrophysiology Service in her name.

EYE ON PATIENTS

WELL FOUNDED

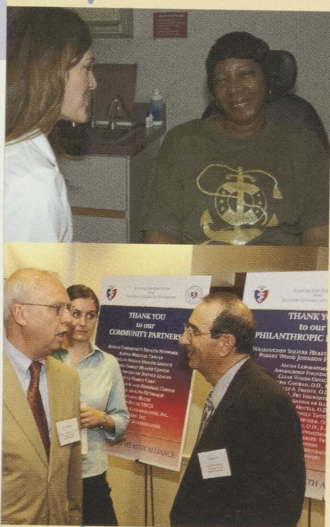
A not-for-profit organization is established to support the Illinois Eye Institute

For the first time in its history, the Illinois Eye Institute has established a foundation to support its charitable programs. Created in 2008, the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation (IEIF) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting community outreach, charitable programs and advancement of research at IEL.

The IEIF also supports short-term projects to address unique and time-sensitive needs. For example, during its visit to Chicago in 2008, the Ugandan Children's Choir received comprehensive eye care and eyewear at the Illinois Eye Institute. While these services are sight-saving for many individual patients, they can also be costly. Funds raised through IEIF will help support initiatives such as these.

Several existing programs will also be supported by the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation:

- **Vision of Hope Health Alliance (VOHHA)**
Reaching out to those who cannot afford health care
- **VSP Pediatric Outreach Program (POP)**
Helping children to succeed through healthy vision
- **InfantSEE**
Helping infants to establish a lifetime of healthy vision
- **Low Vision Rehabilitation Service (LVRS)**
Enhancing quality of life for patients with visual impairment
- **Vision Therapy Clinic**
Addressing visually-related learning problems
- **Developmental Disabilities Service (DDS)**
Meeting the eyecare needs of special populations
- **Glaucoma Van Project**
Providing mobile glaucoma screenings and education



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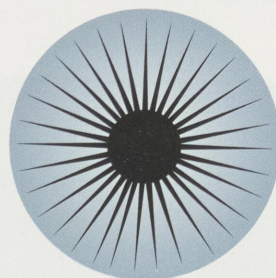
THE "EYE" BALL

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ANNOUNCING a New Resource for ICO ALUMNI:

THE ONLINE ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Have you been searching for a lost classmate?

Would you like to refer a patient, friend or relative to an ICO grad in a new city?

Are you interested in networking with other ICO alums in your area?

The Illinois College of Optometry has launched a new resource for alumni – the Online Alumni Directory. Whether you want to reconnect with old friends, network with colleagues, or refer a patient, the Online Alumni Directory can be a great resource.

Go to www.alumnidirectory.ico.edu.

Search for yourself to ensure we have your current contact information. If you would like to make changes, contact us in one of three ways:

- online through our website
- call us at 312-949-7080
- send an email to alumni@ico.edu

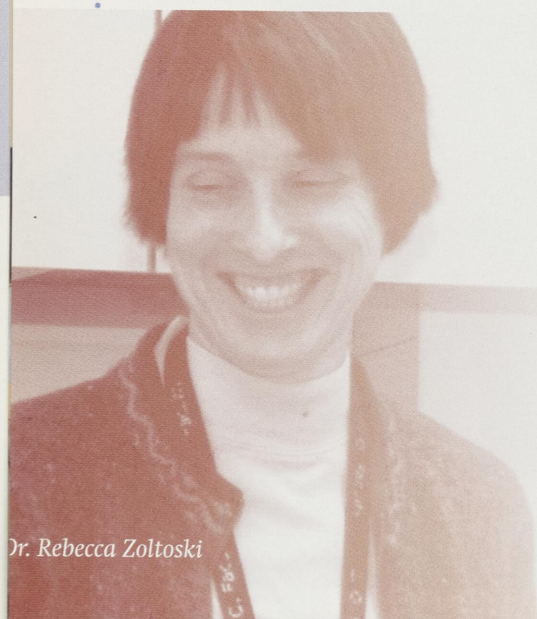
We are excited to offer this new networking tool, and hope you find our directory useful.

For further details, please contact Connie Scavuzzo, Director of Alumni Development, through one of the resources above.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

Faculty and students discover research opportunities at ICO

Everyone knows the Illinois College of Optometry is famous for its clinic. Unlike most clinical teaching facilities, patients at the Illinois Eye Institute run the gamut of optometric conditions and socio-economic levels. They come in at all ages and represent all races. This is often why students choose to attend ICO.



Dr. Rebecca Zoltoski

It is also what makes ICO almost ideal for research. With the addition of six research labs in the Eyepod, there's more space than before, and there's certainly enough data generated for research-minded faculty and students to work with. As a result, these days they're making discoveries and developing technology that stands to alter the way optometry is practiced.

"ICO research is getting stronger and stronger," says Dr. Yi Pang, Director of Research. "Now, compared to when I came to ICO three-and-a-half years ago, the College has made huge progress in research. We built the Clinical Research Suite and Dr. Dan Roberts has received an NEI grant. As Director of Research, my goal is to support faculty and students conducting research."

One reason research practice is growing at ICO is a cadre of younger faculty members with an interest in it. According to Rebecca Zoltoski, PhD, who runs the research course for third-year students and conducts collaborative projects with researchers at other institutions and students on campus, "We have younger faculty members, such as doctors Tim Yeang, Keith Tyler, Dominick Opitz, and Jennifer Harthan, who are getting things going. There's a mentoring system for them, where older faculty are helping younger. And the younger faculty have been very efficient at fitting everything in. They do extra. There's a shift in the new people and equipment at ICO. There's still not enough time for everything we want to do, but the culture at ICO is supportive."

Pang credits Dr. Kent Daum, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs. "Dr. Daum is very supportive of doing research. He understands research; he's doing it himself."

And he led the team of ICO faculty who worked with the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) last year. Part of the accreditation process is an institutional self study. Pang says during that process, the team identified research and scholarship as areas for improvement. "The self study process revealed challenges for the College. One of those challenges is research."

But, Pang says, "I have my road map. Research needs the right environment. We're going to give it attention and focus."

Another idea in the planning stages is a Masters degree program. According to Pang, "We are considering a Masters in Vision Science. There's a possibility that in the future it will happen; the faculty are supportive. And those who apply to get the MS will do research."

As it stands now, all students are required to do a research project in their third year of the curriculum. But that's changing too. ICO's current strategic plan allows for flexibility in the curriculum, based on an individual's experience, accomplishment and interests. This means students interested in research can embrace opportunities at any point in their course of study.

"I want to do whatever I can to encourage the students," says Pang. "I hope they get positive feedback for the research they do. Dr. Roberts is a very successful model for them, and for other faculty members. Doing research will help faculty members to advance their careers."



Dr. Yi Pang

EYE ON STUDENTS

RESEARCH REQUIRED

Students become researchers through ICO curriculum

"Students who come to ICO generally don't come to do research," states Dr. Yi Pang, Director of Research at the Illinois College of Optometry. "If they want to do research, they may decide to go somewhere else such as Berkeley."

Nevertheless, all students in the College are required to do some research. They generally start in the summer of their third year with a course called "Evidenced-Based Health Care," which exposes them to data, scientific approaches and public health. They discuss topics in optometry. Then, they pick a project, make a proposal and find a faculty member to work with.

Rebecca Zoltoski, PhD, oversees the process. She teaches the classes that cover research design and statistics, and she coordinates the independent study. For that, students can work in groups, do surveys, clinical studies or a lab project. At the end, they have to write a final paper.

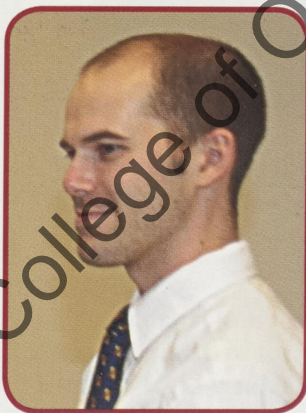
"The expectation is that they'll write a pretty good paper," Zoltoski says. "Some students take their research to meetings. They get excited working on an abstract, submitting it and getting accepted or not. As teachers, we watch them mature from being an undergrad to a professional. Research gives them another facet of this. It is extremely rewarding."

Second-year student Jonee Brandt agrees. She began a work/study job as a research assistant with Zoltoski in her first year. "When I started, I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I'm sitting around working on a computer.' I didn't get the gist of it. But once we started really doing the work – taking data from imaging, turning that into computer animation, entrance testing for patient-based work – it opened my eyes to how much is still unknown, and how much I want to keep figuring things out. It's fun to brainstorm. It's a whole new process of learning about science. It's not just learning, it's figuring things out. It made me realize what we're capable of in science. It gave me a whole new perspective. As much as I love the clinical side of things, I wish we could tie together more of the science."



Brandt, who worked on a team with other second-year students Beth Knighton, Sierra Vogt, and Anna O'Brien, has gotten more involved than most. Pang says 60 percent of the student projects are behavioral surveys. "There's nothing wrong with a case report," she says. "Bench research is not required for our students; our school has limited lab conditions for students to do bench science. And clinical studies, which they can also choose to do, are time consuming. Our students usually only have about twelve months to do the project and a paper. When I did my PhD training, research was my whole life. In their third year, our students also have course work, clinic, and the national board exams."

And really, the majority of ICO students are most interested in directly helping patients.



"To be honest," says third-year student James Sloan, who's working with Zoltoski and Neil Hodur, OD '75, on the effects of zeaxanthin supplements on improving vision, "I don't really have a research orientation. It's basically a requirement, though I do enjoy reading it and seeing what people have found."

Fourth-year student Jeff Horst, who enjoys research, says he's seen other students feel the same way Sloan does. "Generally, I don't think too many people are very excited about research, while at ICO or when they practice."

Fourth-year student Rob Goodwin, explains, "Most people come to ICO for the clinic, the population and the ability to see disease. In that respect, most people want to be clinicians. They want to see patients."

Yet third-year student Jeff Harris uses research as a way to do just that. He started a work/study project with Dr. Daniel Roberts earlier this year. "The main draw," he says, "was that we would see at least one extra patient a week. The advantage was to see more patients."

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RESEARCH REQUIRED *(continued)*



And Goodwin says there's another advantage to research work. "The research project helped show me we have resources. There's a lot of information out there about questions you may have, things you haven't learned in school. And some information that contradicts what we learn in class. Doing research helped me learn to recognize which articles have conclusions and which ones have no evidence, but are people just thinking about something. It's important to allow yourself to find answers for yourself. We're taught to think critically, and we'll have to employ that throughout our careers."

That rings true for Renee Phipps, OD '08. "I think research will play a big role in my career. We learned a lot in school and it was current. But now things are changing. Whether I write or do active research, I'll be going back to some form of research."

Phipps, who won student research awards from the American Optometric Association in both 2007 and 2008, is particularly active. "I did a paper one year and did well, so I decided to see what else I could do. And, last year, with all the news about contact lens infections, I started asking people how much they know about contacts. Since I was at a contact lens site for my externship, I did a survey of those patients and then some in Chicago."

This work led to Phipps's second AOA award, and an assignment contributing to the electronic newsletter of the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section. Her first contribution came out in the February CLCS newsletter. "I've always liked writing and reading," Phipps explains, "and I've always had a passion for science and biology. Now the two have come together."

But none of this has distracted her from her calling as a clinician. "Right now," Phipps says, "private practice is where I want to be. And research has made me a more confident clinician. Our skills will be perfected over time. You can't only depend on what you've learned in lecture because things are changing. Through research, I continue to learn and it makes me a more proficient doctor."



ICO INVESTIGATOR: FOURTH-YEAR JEFF HORST

When fourth-year student Jeff Horst came to ICO, he risked giving up the interest in research he had cultivated as a biology major at the University of Iowa. With experience in neuroscience and in a microbiology lab after college, Horst chose to pursue optometry at ICO on the advice of a practicing family friend and ICO graduate, David Sybesma, OD '92.

"When I started," Horst recalls, "Dr. Golip [Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development] said ICO really didn't have much in the way of research." But, Horst found there are opportunities for students who want them, and he says, "I have found ICO has transitioned. Research seems to have exploded since then."

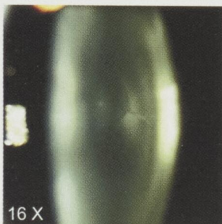
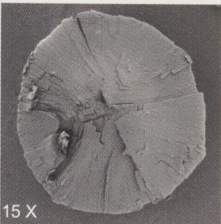
The first opportunity Horst found was a work/study position with Dr. Renee Reeder, Chief of the Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence. This led to other projects with her, and even though he's been away on externship, Horst plans to work with Reeder this spring when he's back at ICO. For his third-year project, he worked on crystalline lens research with Dr. Rebecca Zoltoski.

"Dr. Z's project came up, and I expanded into that," Horst says. "It was a patient-based study. Not clinical - we used students to study the impact of eye drops on the eye. It could be a breakthrough study. To have my hands in it is kind of exciting."

And Horst says, "It made me realize I don't have to give up research. In a VA setting or private practice, you can always do research. I would ultimately like to come up with something that makes a difference in the profession."



(above) Dr. Zoltoski (left) with students
(below left) scan of an electron micrograph of a human lens
(right) slit lamp photo of a human lens



ICO INVESTIGATOR:

REBECCA ZOLTOSKI, PhD

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Rebecca Zoltoski, PhD, plays a unique role at the Illinois College of Optometry. As a basic scientist, she does not spend time in the clinic. Instead Zoltoski teaches, conducts research and chairs ICO's Institutional Review Board.

The students love her. Known as Dr. Z, Zoltoski coordinates ICO's independent research course, a requirement for third-year students. While some of them work with her, all of the faculty are involved in seeing the student research projects to completion.

Zoltoski also works with researchers at Rush University, where she's part of a group studying how the lens focuses. While clinical application is now becoming more of her focus, Zoltoski says her research is, "Not always clinical, not always trying to cure a deadly disease. Rather it can be more about trying to reach some basic understanding of a process and why it can go wrong."

She continues, "The advancement of any field is done through research. In order to advance, you have to gain new knowledge. And in order to teach the best, we have to be doing the best work. We have to always be learning."

This was part of Zoltoski's orientation when she came to ICO in 1997. Hired to teach biochemistry, she balanced

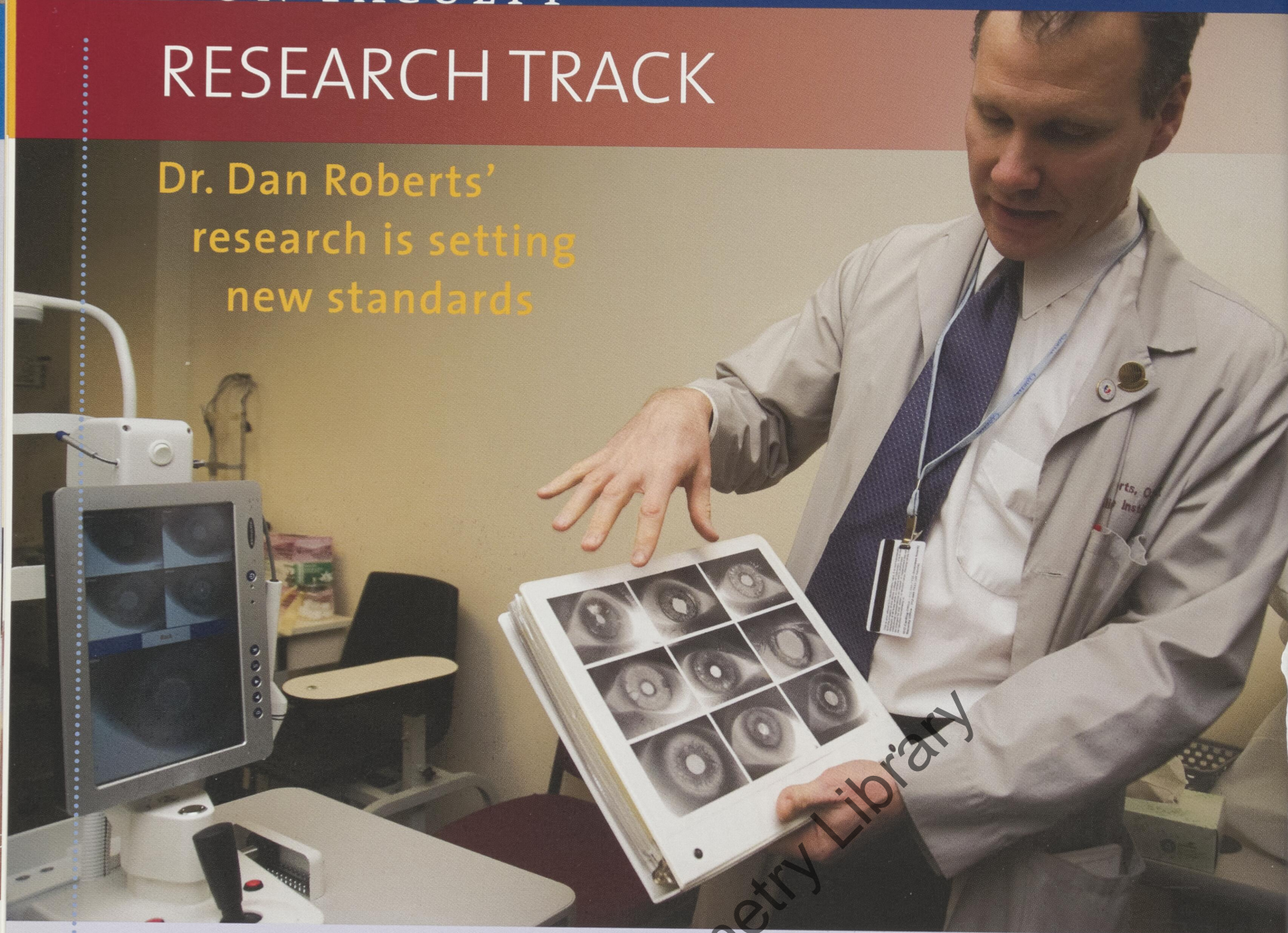
her time with research. "When I first came, there was little research going on at ICO," Zoltoski says. "But Dr. [Jan] Scharre was very supportive. I had time, but not equipment, so I was encouraged to make connections off campus. Here, we have to collaborate, at Rush, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Chicago. I do a good component of research off campus at Rush."

That is when she's not teaching, working with a clinician at the Illinois Eye Institute and analyzing data. In addition, Zoltoski says, "I currently have three ICO faculty members looking to collaborate. I have lots I can be doing in my area and in areas with others. I like to teach, but I like the constant change in research and the constant learning. It's a puzzle. I have some of my pieces and I'm starting to put them together, while still looking for more pieces."

Zoltoski admits, "It's difficult, but research is different than teaching. Teaching is finite. A class ends. In research you don't have the time frames. You have to handle delayed gratification. While you're catching your breath, you're planning ahead. Research begets more research. Every time you answer a question, you have another one. If you're busy, you're doing well. Mine is going well. I'm very busy."

EYE ON FACULTY RESEARCH TRACK

Dr. Dan Roberts'
research is setting
new standards



As a clinician at the Illinois Eye Institute, Dr. Daniel Roberts saw a lot of patients with glaucoma.

As a researcher at the Illinois College of Optometry, he's finding new ways to diagnose, and possibly prevent, glaucoma from ever developing.

Roberts' path has been decades long, leading him through teaching students, examining patients, administering programs, delineating ideas, earning degrees, finding funding, creating equipment, and establishing a research track at ICO before finally changing the field of optometry.

He's not quite at the end point yet, but Roberts is getting close.



It may have been cold outside on the February day Roberts got his latest delivery, but in his lab, ICO's new Clinical Research Suite, there was a warm red glow. It came from the new Predictek, Inc. prototype instrument, a digital, infrared light-driven imaging tool Roberts developed in affiliation with engineers at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He's been working on the instru-

ment for 10 years, helped obtain a National Eye Institute Small Business Innovation Research Grant to fund it in 2004, and the technology is now in its third generation. It's looking pretty sophisticated these days, a compact unit with digital camera, built-in computer and sleek infrared tool.

"I predict infrared imaging of the iris will become routine," Roberts says. "It's a new way to detect defects in the iris. At a minimum it will be used to make epidemiological strides forward, to get images in a standardized way. It sets up a new way to do the science. That's the most exciting thing."

That and the fact that Roberts is beginning to convince people he is right about pigment dispersion syndrome. His instrument, and the past 15 or so years of his professional life, have been dedicated to changing the literature about PDS.

The road began when Roberts was working in the clinic at the Illinois Eye Institute and seeing a high prevalence of glaucoma in the African-American population. Common knowledge was that one cause of glaucoma, pigment dispersion syndrome, rarely occurred in these patients.

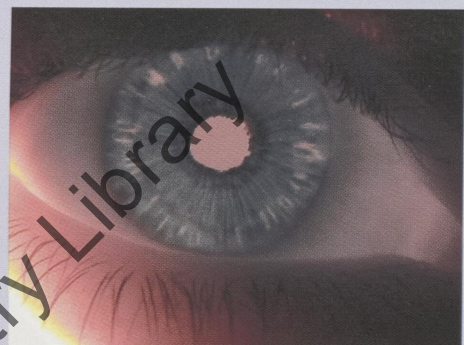
"But I was seeing that it wasn't nearly as uncommon as the books said," Roberts explains. "My theory was that people were overlooking the signs. We needed a new way to see it, or other ways to identify iris transillumination defects."

Roberts knew pigment dispersion syndrome was a genetic disease. The literature supported this, and he also published a paper showing a genetic link to PDS in family members. This supported the contention that PDS probably should be showing up in African-Americans. Confusing the issue, though, was the fact that many of Roberts' African-American patients appeared to have a subtype of PDS, i.e. long zonule associated pigment dispersion. The next step was to find further evidence of these theories.

And to find time and money to do the work.



When he joined the faculty at ICO in 1987, Roberts embraced his role as a teacher and clinician. In time, he assumed extra responsibilities as an administrator, running the externship program for 10 years, and serving as chief of one of the primary care clinics. These were rewarding, but they didn't leave him much time for research. And, in order to further pursue his work on PDS and the long zonule trait, what is now the Long Anterior Zonule (LAZ) study, he would need to go back to school for a PhD in epidemiology.



(top photo) Dr. Roberts with the Predictek Inc. prototype instrument; (bottom left) Pigment dispersion syndrome in a Caucasian eye; (bottom right) African-American eye with pigment dispersion syndrome

Roberts recalls going to ICO's administration and saying, "I need release time," and because of what he calls an administration "with vision and foresight" he got it. "A number of people going back a number of years have been supportive," Roberts says. "Jan Scharre, Bruce Teitelbaum and Arel Augsburg, not to mention [former ICO President] Charlie Mullen. Dr. Mullen sat there and really pushed for the grant. He encouraged me."

And Roberts went back to school. He entered the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He's earning a PhD in Public Health Sciences with a specialty in epidemiology. To complete the work, Roberts applied for, and was awarded

an National Institutes of Health K23 training grant. It funds research costs, education, and pays his ICO salary in full for three years. Upon receipt of the award, which was official in September 2007, Roberts was released from all other responsibilities at the College. When the grant is finished, he will step back into his former roles, while continuing to focus on many of the research questions being raised.

"My pigment dispersion track evolved into work to develop the instrument," Roberts says, "and my PhD will use the instrument to facilitate the study of the long zonule and other PDS subtypes. We can't transilluminate the iris in dark eyes without infrared light. Now we can detect what we couldn't see before."

EYE ON ALUMNI

CAREER PATH

Alumni Choose a Research Road

Not everyone who studies at ICO chooses to stay in the clinic. In fact, a look at the alumni population shows that graduates have also built careers based in research. For example, Katrina E. Parker, OD '01, is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Houston's College of Optometry in Texas. And she's heavily involved in research because, she says, of her experience at ICO.

"Without my clinical training from ICO, I wouldn't be able to be involved in research devoted to improving clinical care," Parker says. "Dr. Jan Jurkus was instrumental in guiding me into a residency program that was the perfect fit. That, in turn, provided me with the opportunity to join the faculty of the College of Optometry at the University of Houston, which has active basic and clinical research programs. If Dr. Jurkus had not taken the time to help guide me, I would not be where I am today."

Likewise, Dr. Jeffrey Sonsino, a contact lens resident at ICO in 2001 and 2002 says, "The ICO residency helped me gain most of my accomplishments in optometry." He says he learned the tools necessary to think critically about questions in optometry, the skills to be confident with patients, found the industry contacts to stay on top of the field, and the building blocks to ask difficult questions about observations with patients. "A few weeks into the residency," Sonsino says, "I realized where I wanted to start my career."

Today, Sonsino is Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University's Eye Institute in Nashville. He says, "My wife, Michele [Bencks, OD '02], started a private practice in Nashville and has become very successful. She tells me that one day she will consider hiring me."

But not yet, Sonsino says. "For now, I plan on staying in academic medicine."

ICO INVESTIGATOR: KATRINA PARKER, OD '01



A clinician, scientist and faculty member in the Visual Optics Institute at the University of Houston College of Optometry, Parker is involved in two

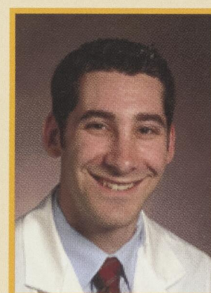
lines of clinical research: one focuses on contact lenses and the other explores monitoring and detecting early cataracts.

Unsatisfied with current modes of correcting highly-aberrated eyes (i.e. keratoconus, post surgery) with hard contact lenses, Parker began working with Drs. Jason Marsack and Ray Applegate on a Department of Defense-funded study of wavefront guided soft contact lenses. "Our goal," she says, "is to provide this patient population

with normal vision, comfort, and the wear time they need to function normally throughout the day."

Parker also studies cataract detection. She has been collaborating with Dr. Applegate, who is funded by a National Institutes of Health grant, in reducing the time it takes to test the effectiveness of drug therapy that could slow the progression of cataracts. "We are developing techniques designed to detect a statistically significant change within three years, rather than the 10 years needed now," she says. "This will allow therapies to be developed faster in a cost-effective manner." If the need to have cataract surgery and intraocular lens implantation can be delayed by 10 years, Parker explains, billions of dollars will be saved in national healthcare costs.

ICO INVESTIGATOR: JEFFREY SONSINO, OD



After seeing hundreds of low vision patients who needed magnification, contrast enhancement, and a faster reading speed than provided by

electronic or handheld magnifiers, Dr. Jeffrey Sonsino, Chief of Optometry and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University's Eye Institute, invented a new set of reading glasses.

Not your average pair, these glasses are high dioptric powered, prism readers with LED lights that illuminate the reading field. "We are getting close to releasing them on the market," says Sonsino, who has applied for a patent.

In the meantime, he is conducting a study to determine the efficacy of the reading glasses. Using a pool of

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Alumni Council Letter

Being a first-year student at ICO can be overwhelming, but by the time you become a third-year student, you've hit your stride and feel like you know everything there is to know. In fact, in my self-important shortsightedness, I remember teasing my father (who graduated from ICO forty-one years prior to me) that most of the Periodic Table hadn't even been developed when he was attending the College.



much information as we can so that she can build upon it, just as my father and his generation did with me. It's important for us to strive to understand the unknown and not be content with the assumptions of reality. Isn't that, after all, what our human society is based on?

So when I look at my daughter, I want her to be smarter than me. I want her to feel that my higher education is merely basic knowledge to her. If her generation doesn't

feel that way, then we as a society have failed.

But after you get out and start practicing, you realize that learning is much different than applying. Having knowledge is much different than being skilled. And the research you learn in school becomes antiquated the minute you graduate. After graduation, it seemed as if the more I learned, the less I knew.

And by the way, the yet-unnamed Element 118 – the newest addition to the Periodic Table – was added in 2005. Looks like the Periodic Table was not done when I was in school either, and it's far from being finished.

And now, with the birth of my daughter, I recognize with greater clarity the importance of our body of knowledge continuing to grow. It's important for us to pass on as

Mamie Chan

Mamie Chan, OD '00
President, ICO Alumni Council

40 subjects, half of whom have been enrolled, Sonsino is looking at patients with macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, or Stargardt dystrophy and 20/50 or worse vision in the better-seeing eye. "We are comparing spot reading and working distance in habitual readers versus the test glasses," he says. "So far, we are seeing substantial improvement with the test glasses."

And that is not all Sonsino's doing; he's also recruiting subjects for a post-LASIK spectacle trial. In his optometry practice at Vanderbilt, Sonsino sees a number of post-LASIK patients who have visual complaints linked to irregular astigmatism. The first line of treatment is gas-permeable contact lenses. But many patients require back-up spectacles for times when they are unable to wear their contact lenses. This clinical trial, funded by a department grant, compares traditional refraction with retinoscopy against two wavefront-guided aberrometers. Sonsino's hypothesis is that in patients with irregular astigmatism, a wavefront guided refraction and wavefront lenses will be superior to standard refraction techniques and lenses.

In what is becoming an annual event, Don Bush, OD '79, hosted a reception for alumni at the Ridge Country Club in Chicago.

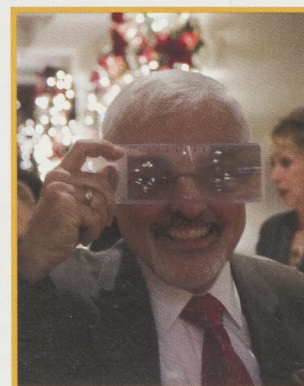


Dr. and Mrs. Augsburger with Sarah and Dr. Don Bush



Below Left: Katherine Narbone, OD '07, Sandra Bury, OD '95, Dan Meus, OD '85, and Dennis Brtva, OD '84

Below Right: Robert Blumthal, OD '81



CLASS NOTES

1948



HERB SMITH, MCO, and his wife, Alice, celebrated 60 years of marriage last year. They met after WWII and had five children. Dr. Smith practiced optometry in Northbrook, Ill., until his retirement in 1992.

Recently the Smiths have lived in Bloomington, Ill., where Dr. Smith serves as Chaplain of the Normal, Ill., American Legion Post. He and his wife have served as missionaries with the Southern Baptist Church, and Dr. Smith is a member of Gideon's International.

He says he can never repay ICO for the wonderful education he received, and he wishes all his colleagues, both young and old, a very bright and happy future in every way.

1953

DUANE WALLAKER, NICO, has retired after 54 years as an optometrist in Austin, Minn.

1965

BILL BOELTER has retired after 44 years in practice in the Des Moines, Iowa, area. He says he is excited about retirement so he can devote more time to his family, church, community services, recreation and hobbies. Dr. Boelter specialized in contact lenses and family practice, a tradition spawned by a family of 14 optometrists since 1900.

JOHN COSTELLO SR., of Oneida, NY, was one of the top six eyecare professionals across the nation recognized for outstanding performance in Davis Vision's newly-launched provider recognition program. In total, 25 vision providers were chosen for top honors from 30,000 ophthalmologists and optometrists in Davis Vision's national network.

1971

GARARD "JERRY" GUSTAFSON of Milton, Wash., was named 2008 Optometrist of the Year by the Great Western Council of Optometry. He was also awarded Young Doctor of Optometry of the Year and Doctor of Optometry of the Year by the Optometric Physicians of Washington.

1976

WILLIAM HARVEY of Las Vegas, Nev., has been appointed to the Nevada State Board of Optometry.

1978

DOMINICK M. MAINO was a keynote speaker during the Norsk Selskap for Optometri annual meeting in Asker, Norway last fall. In addition, his photography was part of a group show of Italian-American artists at the Cook County Treasurer's Office in Chicago.

1983

SUSAN COTTER, a professor of optometry at the Southern California College of Optometry, received the A.M. Skeffington Award at the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) meeting last October. The award is given to a COVD Fellow who has made outstanding contributions to the optometric literature in the areas of vision therapy and vision development. This award acknowledges Dr. Cotter's contributions to advancing optometric knowledge in the areas of pediatric optometry and binocular vision.

1984

BRAD JORGENSEN of Sherwood, Wis., was elected President of the Wisconsin Optometric Association during the WOA Fall convention.

1987

JEFF SARAZEN of Wausau, Wis., was elected Treasurer of the Wisconsin Optometric Association during the WOA Fall convention.

JOSEPH P. WINBERRY completed the Chief Executive Optometrist program at Wharton School of Business last December.

1991

CHRIS MARQUARDT of Wausau, Wis., was elected Secretary of the Wisconsin Optometric Association during the WOA Fall convention.

1995

TRACY MATCHINSKI has been elected President of VOSH-IL. She also serves as advisor to ICO's SVOSH chapter.

1996

LISA SLABY of Sobieski, Wis., was elected Vice President of the Wisconsin Optometric Association during the WOA fall convention.

2000

COURTNEY KUEBLER BRIGHTMAN and her husband Brian Brightman, had a daughter, Senna, in January.

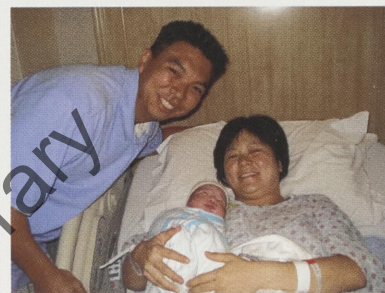
MARSHALL DORSETT is President-Elect for North Central Council.

WENDY (HAALAND) STONE and her husband, Dave, welcomed Charles Knox Stone on February 10.

ANGIE HAHN and her husband, Tom, have a new son, Ty Grr Tan, born last October.



STEFANIE HURST, owner of Family Vision Clinic in Savage, Minn., was named 2008 Businessperson of the Year by the Savage Chamber of Commerce.



KEITH KAWAMURA and his wife, Stacy, had baby Ian on November 19, 2008. Keith reports the labor and delivery went smoothly and everyone is adjusting to home life.

ORNA LANG had baby Benjamin on November 2, 2008.

LANA LEONE and her husband had a daughter, Gabrielle, in December.

2001

PAUL HO was married last December.

2006

BETHANY (LAVALLE) HEATH and her husband, Brent, are the proud parents of Miah Ann Heath, born on October 10, 2008.

JOEL SOLLOM received the Young Optometrist of the Year Award for 2008 from the Minnesota Optometric Association.

2007

JOE PRUITT joined the Minneapolis VA Medical Center as a Low-Vision Optometrist. He was married last December.

1930

DOROTHY B. HALBIG BANK, NICO, passed away peacefully while in hospice care in Frankenmuth, Mich., on May 14, 2008. She practiced in Michigan for more than 50 years, retiring in the 1990's. According to her children, Dr. Bank, "always reflected on her career and association with [ICO] with quiet pride."

1933

GLENN G. FEHR, NICO, of Littleton, Colo., passed away on June 15, 2008. He practiced in Oklahoma for 50 years, then moved to Buena Vista, Colo. and taught at Colorado Mountain College part time. He and his wife, Mae A Fehr, moved to Littleton in 2000.

1938

ROBERT B. WENDT, NICO

1943

EARL. A. CLIFFORD, NICO, passed away on July 29, 2008.

1945

ORLANDO T. GIRALDI, MCO, of Sun City West, Ariz., passed away on October 31, 2008, after a short illness.

1948

LOUIS F. JOHNSON, MCO, passed away Nov. 2, 2008, in Naples, Fla., after a brief illness. He practiced optometry for 45 years in Fairfield, Ill. Dr. Johnson served as president of the Southern IL Optometric Society, Rotary Club and Fairfield Chamber of Commerce in addition to serving on many committees. He was a Navy veteran. Dr. Johnson and his wife JoAnn retired in Naples 15 years ago.

BAXTER NELSON, MCO, of Chicago, Ill., passed away December 13, 2008.

EDWARD C. SCANLAN, NICO, of Elgin, Ill., passed away on January 3, 2009. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Scanlan served on faculty as a Professor of Optometry at the Illinois College of Optometry.

1949

NORMAN E. ABRAHAMS, NICO, of North Newton, Kan., passed away.

G. KEN MILLER, NICO, died on May 11, 2008.

JOHN SENTER JR., NICO, of Tidewater, Va., passed away on October 27, 2008. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry's Badge for his service in WWII. He practiced optometry in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Va., for more than 49 years before retiring in 2000.

1950

WILLIAM J. BUCHANAN, CCO, 82, passed away on Jan. 19, 2009. He was in practice in Danville, Ill., and a member of the American Optometric Association, Illinois Optometric Association, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville Rotary, Danville Country Club, Danville Tennis Club and a former board member of Danville Downtown.

1951

NED D. WILSON, NICO, of Crowley, La, died Sept. 9, 2008.

1955

JAMES F. GUTIERREZ, CCO, passed away on July 9, 2008.

1979

MIKE ZOHN of Toledo, Ohio, died of liver failure on December 9, 2008. He joined the Point Place practice of his father and practiced optometry for nearly 30 years. Dr. Zohn was zone governor for the Toledo Area Optometric Society, and he had been an adviser to the optometric/ophthalmic technology program at Owens Community College.

1983

HERBERT L. PASTUCHA passed away on November 4, 2008. He was 52.

1984

ROGER LAMB of Lawrenceville, Ill., died in August 2008.

FORMER FACULTY

TED GROSVENOR, OD, PhD, of Tucson, Ariz., passed away March 3, 2008. He graduated from The Ohio State University with both his OD and PhD. He taught at the University of Houston College of Optometry, the Illinois College of Optometry, the College of Optometry in Waterloo and was an adjunct faculty at Pacific University, College of Optometry. He was also very instrumental in starting a university optometry program in Auckland, New Zealand.

Class Notes and Obituaries may be submitted to:

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Office of Alumni Development
3241 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

or: alumni@ico.edu

Call for Nominations



The Council consists of the alumni who volunteer to support the Alumni Association in fostering current and future alumni relations in support of the mission of the College.

Who would you like to see serve on ICO's Alumni Council?

A seat on the Alumni Council will be open in fall 2009. We invite members of our community to nominate alumni they feel will well-represent the Alumni Association.

Please submit your nominations by May 1, 2009 to:
Connie Scavuzzo
Director of Alumni Development
3241 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616
or alumni@ico.edu.

Thank you!

A TRIBUTE TO FLOYD WOODS (1927-2008)

Many were saddened last fall at news of the death of Floyd Woods, CCO '51. To honor him, ICO Matters collected the following words and pictures. The images and captions are courtesy of Woods' friend and practice partner, Sandra Bury, OD '95.

My strong friendship with Dr. Floyd Woods goes back more than 50 years, to our years as fellow students and alumni of the Illinois College of Optometry.

There are many reasons for admiring and respecting Floyd. These are but a few:

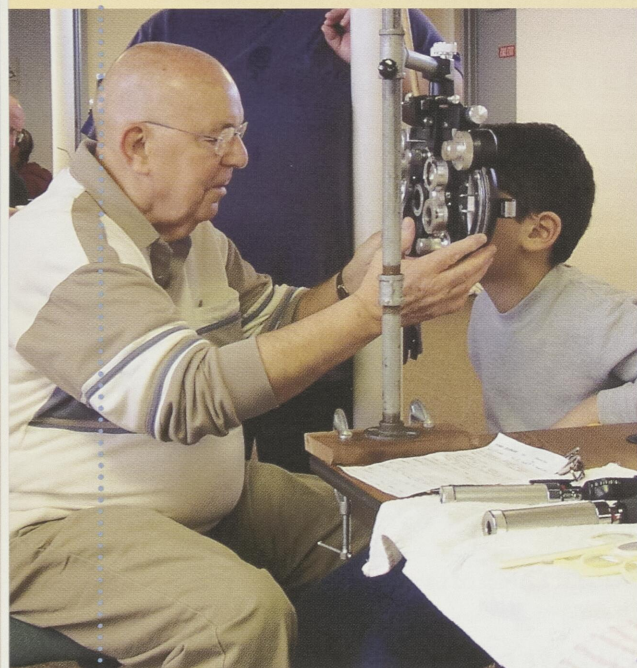
- Vision care of children was a high priority for him. Following graduation, he enrolled in Loyola University and earned a Masters degree in education with a strong emphasis on child development.
- Dr. Woods was particularly effective as president of the Illinois Optometric Association, serving as a strong advocate for passage

of landmark legislation for optometric use of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents in 1984, and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents in 1994.

- He was one of the founding members of the Chicago Lighthouse Professional Advisory Council, which advanced 24 unique Lighthouse programs of community services for persons who are blind or visually impaired.
- Floyd was able to span more than one generation. His younger colleagues, including his partner, Dr. Sandra Bury, found him particularly knowledgeable and caring. He was known by all who knew him as an individual with an utterly irresistible spirit of friendship, warmth and generosity.

Floyd was truly a man for all seasons as well as a devoted friend and colleague for all seasons.

Alfred A. Rosenbloom, NICO '48
Former ICO Dean and President



(L) Floyd's examining a young patient on a VOSH Mission. (C) On a VOSH mission to Viet Nam, everyone called Floyd the "jolly Buddha." When I saw this sculpture, I couldn't resist giving it as a Christmas present. Everyone who saw this photo says the resemblance is indeed uncanny.



In Lithuania on a VOSH mission in 2001, a patient crocheted me (Sandy) a hat, which Floyd admired. Floyd's patient at the time, the woman in the photo, told him she would give him a better hat that SHE made. Sure enough, later that day, she came to the clinic with a handmade hat for each of us! We both proudly wore them and the woman beamed with joy.



(L) A photo taken of Floyd while he was accepting a millenium medal from the Chicago Lighthouse. (R) Floyd and Dorothy's answering machine says, "Hello, you've reached the castle of Queen Dorothy and her Court Jester, Floyd...." Shortly before he passed away, they dressed as Queen and Jester for a costume party in Bradenton, Florida.



It was always a pleasure to work with Dr. Woods. He was someone you could count on to give a helping hand whenever it was needed. He helped many optometrists and students in their practices when problems arose.

Professional optometry has lost one of the very best. He will be missed.

Lawrence R. Vogel, MCO '48

Dr. Floyd Woods, a name that will live as long as there is an optometry profession.

He made so many contributions that helped further better care.

He was an exciting member of the Optometric Four Horsemen.

Many of his dreams became reality:

- He helped enact a mandate for comprehensive vision examinations for children.
- He developed the MEP co-managed referral center, "Eye Grads," and legislation to advance optometric education.
- Not to forget how proud he was to develop a group practice and perpetuate its future.

The best team player anyone could have.

We miss him so much.

Floyd Mizener, MCO '48

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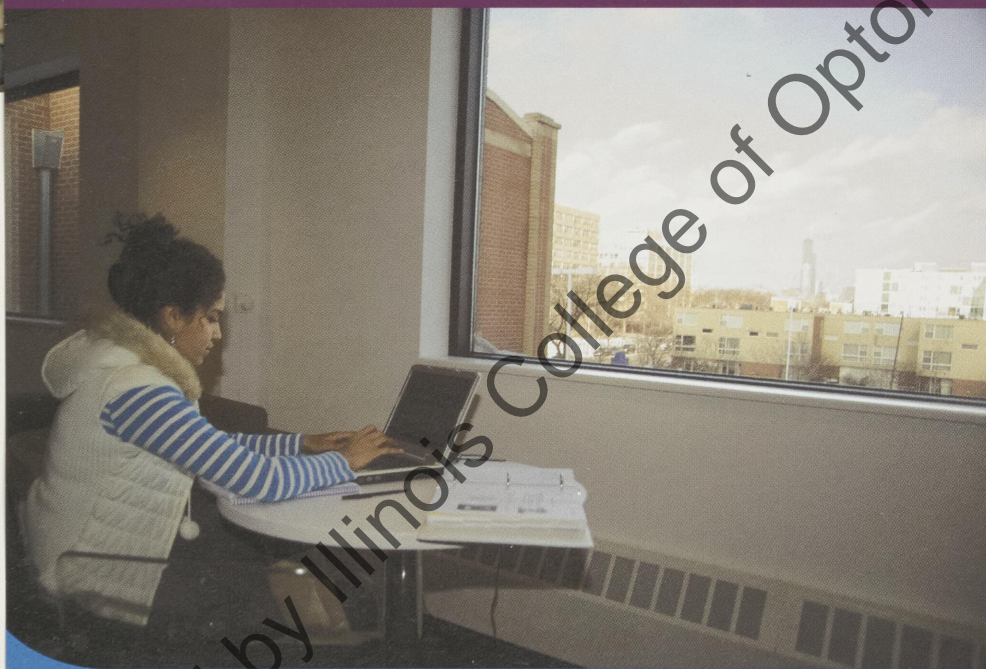
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AUGUST

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ICO Faculty Retreat

Friday, Aug. 21 – Sunday, Aug. 23
First-year Student Orientation

Monday, Aug. 24
Fall Quarter begins

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 13
Alumni Weekend

Friday, Sept. 11

- Alumni Council Meeting
- Class Reunion/Alumni Awards Reception, Banquet, Alumni Hospitality Suite
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Saturday, Sept. 12

- 50 Year Club Breakfast
 - Exhibitor Fair and Reception
 - Cubs vs. Reds "Wrigley Rooftop" Baseball Game and Barbeque
 - Smart Business Program
 - Architectural Riverboat Tour
 - President's Welcome & White Coat Ceremony (all are welcome to attend)
 - Leadership Circle Reception
- Multiple locations

Sunday, Sept. 13

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(left) ICO Trustee, Don Crouch, OD '63, with his new Illinois Eye Institute Foundation polo shirt

(right) ICO and Illinois Eye Institute Foundation Trustee, Michael Favia, JD, with wife, Patricia, at the Eye Ball

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Friday, Oct. 9

ICO Board of Trustees annual fall meeting

Friday, Oct. 9 - Saturday, Oct. 10

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Saturday, Nov. 14

AAO/Student Break/No classes

Friday, Nov. 13

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Academy 2009

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Monday, Nov. 16

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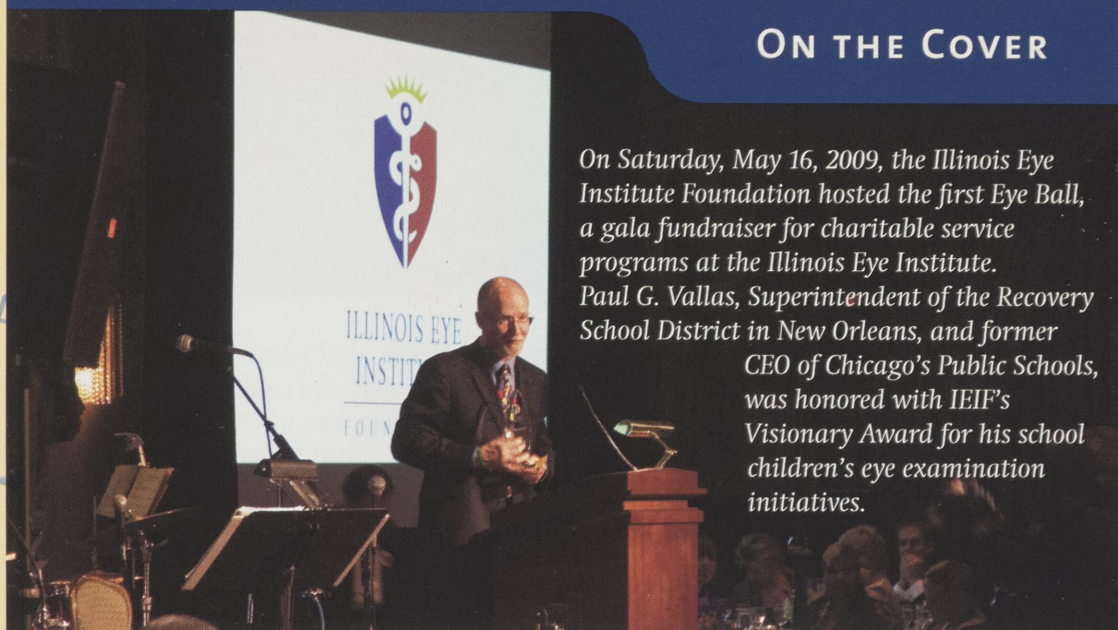
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ON THE COVER



On Saturday, May 16, 2009, the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation hosted the first Eye Ball, a gala fundraiser for charitable service programs at the Illinois Eye Institute. Paul G. Vallas, Superintendent of the Recovery School District in New Orleans, and former CEO of Chicago's Public Schools, was honored with IEIF's Visionary Award for his school children's eye examination initiatives.

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ERRATUM

In the Spring 2009 issue of ICO Matters, we said Dr. Rebecca Zoltoski is an Assistant Professor. In fact, she is an Associate Professor. We apologize for the error.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHAT A FORTUNATE LIFE I HAVE. Not only am I privileged to preside over the country's most historic and storied college of optometry, the Illinois College of Optometry, but I get to know our outstanding alumni, faculty, staff and students. For example, Peter Kehoe, OD '84, who has just completed a year as President of the American Optometric Association, spent time at ICO as recipient of our honorary Doctor of Science degree, and speaker at Commencement in May (*see story on p. 11*).

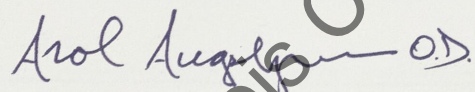
Through various roles, I have been able to meet countless community leaders in Chicago and indeed around the world. For example, all the U.S. presidents since Jerry Ford (with the exception of Ronald Reagan) and the governors of Illinois, Alabama and Ohio. I've introduced celebrities such as Jane Goodall, George Stephanopoulos, Peter Yarrow, Ramsey Lewis, Richard M. Daley, Naomi Judd, John Stossel, the late Paul Harvey and the late Dave Thomas of Wendy's.

Recently, while working as President on a Rotary Club of Chicago assignment, I had a chance to have lunch with Dolly Parton. Her foundation, the Dollywood Foundation, was partnering with the Rotary International Foundation to fund a literacy advocacy project. Dolly was as sweet, personable and genuine as her stage and screen presence portrays. She has built an entertainment empire, but has returned a measure of that success to make a difference in communities she believes in. She is true to her beliefs in always exceeding the expectations we have for her. She has millions of fans around the world who continue to follow her career.

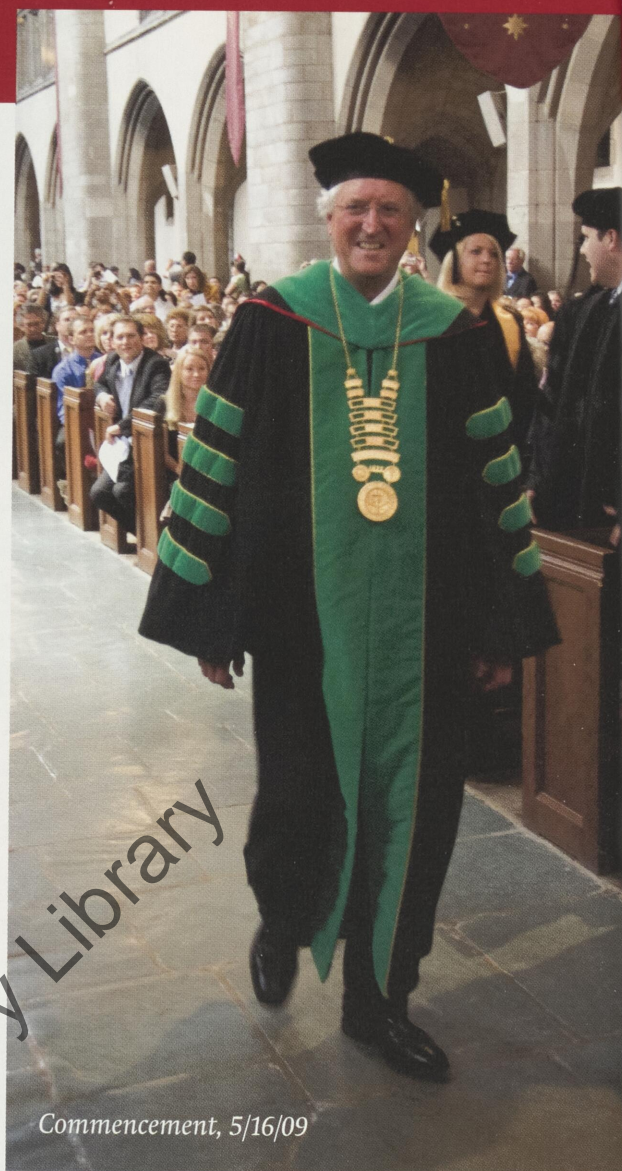
What does this have to do with my fortunate life? Just this: I am proud to lead an institution whose future is to be known as a college of optometry with great integrity, always exceeding expectations. That helps us to continue to attract students who value an educational experience rich in applied patient care and experience second to none in the country. Indeed, I aspire to lead ICO to become the optometric institution of first choice for those who value extensive patient care experiences as a part of their education. Lastly, I share your vision to continue to make ICO an institution that values the difference our people make in our civic and professional communities.

What a life! I lead an institution of high integrity. It is not only first choice among applying students, but it is filled with people who make a difference in our communities.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.



Arol Augsburger, OD



Commencement, 5/16/09

HIGH FIVE!

ICO THIRD-YEARS FLY HIGH ON THE NBEO

Last year, ICO's third-year class had a 98.6 percent pass rate on the new NBEO examination. The national pass rate for NBEO - Part I, Spring 2009, was 91.9 percent. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I MUST BEGIN BY SAYING it is my pleasure to announce two new members to ICO's Board of Trustees:

- **Mike Daley**, former COO of Essilor
- **Mamie Chan, OD, '00**, representative from the Alumni Council

Having the honor of introducing and working with these and the other Trustees is but one of the rewards I gain as Chairman of the Board. In return I have tried to introduce programs that will prove rewarding to ICO. For example, in 2007, as the new Chairman of the Board, I developed initiatives that have, and will continue to create a tremendous dialogue between the Trustees, faculty and students.

For example, we held the first of what will be regular Faculty/Trustee meetings. In that initial gathering, the faculty informed the Board that ICO assistant and associate professors were paid below the median for optometric institutions. As a result, I formed a task force, chaired by Dr. Gary Lesher, to investigate. The faculty were correct. This prompted the Board to act immediately to establish a budget to raise faculty compensation.

This winter we also held the first Student/Trustee meeting to enable students to meet with the Board for open dialogue and understanding. These meetings break down the mystique that Trustees are untouchable. The Board is no longer a group of strangers.

We saw this as students expressed their opinions on the residence hall, food service, tuition and student loans. Now they know we care, and that ICO's "product" is its graduates. Students understand that their goals and ours are the same.

We now have student presentations to the BOT. In this program, with the help of Dr. Mark Colip, Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development, we invite four student representatives to address the Board at our luncheons. The Trustees have been impressed with their ability to present the views of their classmates.



Dr. Kattouf with participants at the Practice Opportunities Symposium (see story p. 10)

I hope these meetings demonstrate that the Board is available. We care and will take action. Good ongoing communication is a key to successful organizations. These initiatives have given the Board, faculty and students the venue for this new conduit of information.

Warm regards,

Richard S. Kattouf, OD, DOS

O-PROGRAM FOR TRUSTEES

"When I started on the Board of Trustees at ICO in 2000, I'd never been on a board before," recalls Richard Kattouf, OD '72, who was elected Chair in 2007. "I didn't know the ins and outs of a board." And as he looked around at his colleagues, some of whom were not optometrists, Kattouf wondered how they made their way through all the technicalities of the profession.

So, he decided to introduce an orientation program for new trustees. Beginning in 2008, new members to the ICO Board participate in a special orientation outlining what it means to be an ICO Trustee. "We hope this helps everyone get acclimated and feel welcomed," Kattouf says.

BUILDING A BRAND

ICO BRINGS VARILUX BRAND GURU, MIKE DALEY, TO THE BOARD FOR HIGHER VISIBILITY

Mike Daley is commonly known as "Mr. Varilux." In 1976, while teaching in the optics program at Ferris State University (where he earned his associate's degree in health optics, and later his business degree), Daley was hired as the sales rep responsible for establishing the progressive lens brand in the U.S., at a time when everyone still wore lined bifocals.

The CEO of Essilor – the global multibillion-dollar French company that manufactures Varilux – once said to Daley, "When you speak of Varilux, it's like Charles de Gaulle speaking of France."

"I loved the product," Daley says, "but I also loved the fact that it was primarily helping independent eye-care professionals grow their practice and be successful."

Now, as a new member of the College's Board of Trustees, Daley is poised to help ICO.

"Being part of the board at the largest, and I think the best school of optometry in the country – in the world – is so exciting for me because that's been my goal my entire life: to help practitioners be more successful," Daley says. "And wow, here's a chance to do it on the largest and best stage in the world, at ICO."

After 13 years, Daley moved his way up to president of Essilor in 1989, and retired last year as president/COO of the USA lens division of the world's leading lens manufacturer. As president, he worked with the Essilor of America professional relations department and started to become familiar with various optometry schools around the country. He established partnerships with schools such as ICO for clinical studies and worldwide educational seminars. He facilitated financial support for programming. About four years ago, Daley collaborated with ICO on a Robert Wood Johnson grant benefiting underserved individuals in the Chicago area.

After retirement, Daley has stayed involved in the optical industry, which he's been a part of for over 36 years. "I think my strong suit is in development," Daley says.

"I have a network of people who, like me, understand the need for supporting optometric education, and want to support schools like ICO to turn out the best possible optometrists and provide the best eye care possible for patients and consumers."

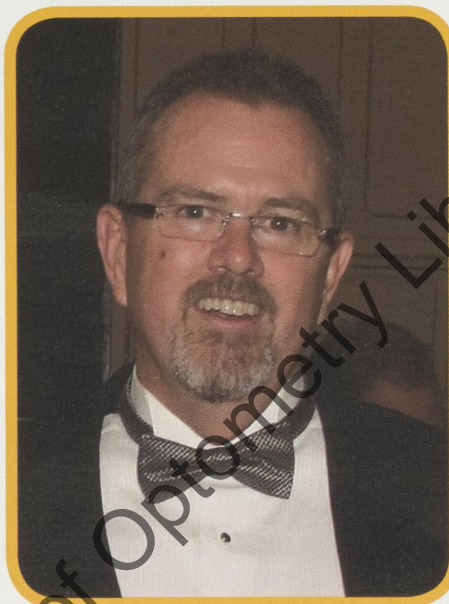
One of the areas he'd like to focus on is the Illinois Eye Institute, which is doing great work providing eyeglasses and eye care to needy individuals, he says.

In addition to being on the Board of Trustees at ICO, Daley is also chairman of the board of the Vision Council of America, is a board member of the AOA's Foundation, and is on the board of Prevent Blindness America; he also dabbles in private consulting, including a

continued relationship with Essilor.

Daley, who was born in Maine, still spends time there with his wife and kids, and enjoys hiking, fishing, and playing golf. "But mostly I really enjoy what I'm doing now that I'm retired, which is to help grow consumer awareness for better eye health." His favorite quote is: "If it's good for the patient, it's good for the practice, it's good for the profession."

– Leah Pietrusiak



PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

THE ILLINOIS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION GETS GOING WITH A GALA: EYE BALL 2009

More than 300 people took the elevator up to the top of the Ritz Carlton Chicago, for Eye Ball 2009, the inaugural gala celebration to benefit the charitable service programs of the Illinois Eye Institute. Views overlooking the city served as a backdrop to the festivities, a non-stop lineup of music, auctions, celebrities, a raffle, food and fun. The gathering included a wide range of guests, with students, trustees, community members, ICO supporters and, of course, alumni from far and wide in attendance. The event was held on May 16, 2009.

Paul G. Vallas, Superintendent of the Recovery School District in New Orleans, and former CEO of Chicago's Public Schools, was honored with the first "Visionary Award." He told guests he had always had severe eye problems. "As CEO of the Chicago Public Schools, I knew some kids might not be seeing the board," he recalled. "I said, 'We have to screen everyone, and get glasses for kids who need them.' " When people ask Vallas why he's successful, he says, "The difference is sunlight and eyeglasses."



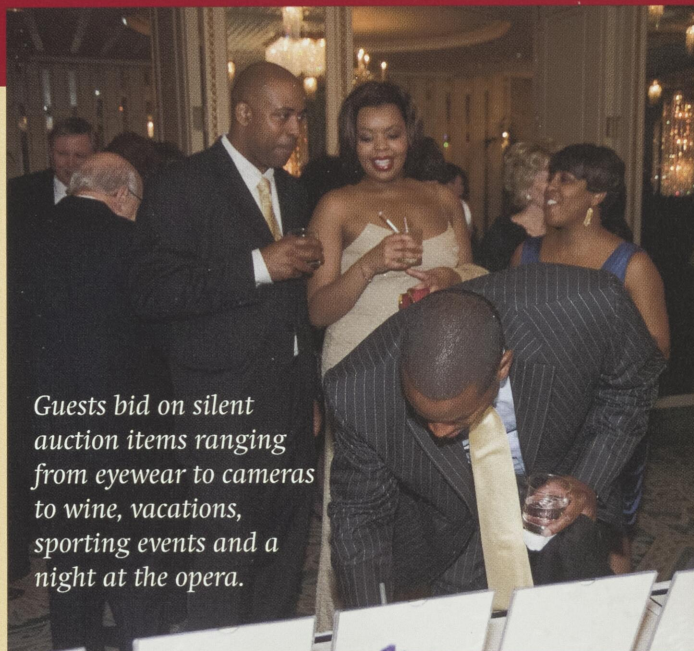
"Isn't this event lovely?" said Jackie Kattouf, with her husband, ICO's Chairman of the Board, Dick Kattouf, OD '72.



"This event marks a milestone for programs at the Illinois Eye Institute," said Vincent Brandys, OD '90, Senior Director for Governmental Relations and Advancement, (l), with Leonard Messner, OD, Vice President for Patient Care Services and Executive Director of the Illinois Eye Institute and Illinois Eye Institute Foundation.

EYE ON GIVING

EYE BALL 2009, CONTINUED



Guests bid on silent auction items ranging from eyewear to cameras to wine, vacations, sporting events and a night at the opera.



Mistress of Ceremonies, Lauren Jiggetts, general assignment reporter at NBC5 Chicago, led programming for the evening.



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(left) "I told my mom, my son, my grandmother — everybody to go to IEL," said Tamara (Latrice) Tucker, Lead CSA in Primary Care Suite 2. "It's the best for the patient."

(center) "Patients tell me, 'I've never been treated like this,' " said Sherrie Leonard, an optician at the Illinois Eye Institute. "They feel important here. Everyone does; it's a great place to work."

(right) "The Vision of Hope Health Alliance at the Eye Institute is wonderful," said Denise Launay, a patient in the program. "I'm reading again for the first time in 15 years. People without insurance, but who get care through the program, really, really appreciate it."

EYE ON GIVING

"The proceeds from our event will go to support the charitable services and research programs of the IEI," said Leonard Messner, OD, Vice President for Patient Care Services and Executive Director of the Illinois Eye Institute and Illinois Eye Institute Foundation. "We are most appreciative of all the attendees and their extraordinary generosity."



Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation, Steven Devick, was assisted by his daughters in the night's raffle drawing. Those who participated in the raffle, which raised nearly \$2,000, wore bright stickers to mark their generosity.



After a gourmet meal, with wine provided by Marcos Lopez, a live auction was held for the Transitions Golf Championship, a week in Jekyll Island, and a trip to the 2010 Grammy Awards. The auction, conducted by Mark Skowron, OD '81, culminated in a tense bidding war for the trip to the Grammys. The winning bid of \$4,200, was made by Brian Higgins (seated above, left).



At the end of the evening, Peter Kehoe, OD '84, and his wife, Melissa, swung to the tunes of City Lights Orchestra.



Laughter filled the air throughout the evening, as demonstrated by Richard Franz, OD '72. Dr. Franz won the night's raffle contest, and promptly gave his winnings to IEIF.

EYE ON STUDENTS

CASH FLOW

JENZABAR FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SVOSH

For years, ICO students have been heading off to distant lands to work for SVOSH, Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity. They've put in their 40 hours of service work before a trip in exchange for partial reimbursement of the cost of the trip. Depending on a student's reimbursement, the cost is still between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per student. They gladly pay.

But that doesn't mean they aren't very glad to receive an extra \$500 from the Jenzabar Foundation to offset their expenses. Any student completing 40 hours of service before a trip will receive the award. The first gifts were made to students who went on a mission to Honduras in February. The grant will support mission trips for both the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years.

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(left to right) Marlene Wilson, Enterprise Account Manager, Jenzabar, fourth-year student Michelle Crist, ICO-SVOSH president, third-year student Beth Knighton, ICO-SVOSH local mission chair, fourth-year student Ruhee Dhalla, ICO-SVOSH secretary, Sashi Parthasarathi, Vice President, Client Relations, Jenzabar

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STARTING EARLY

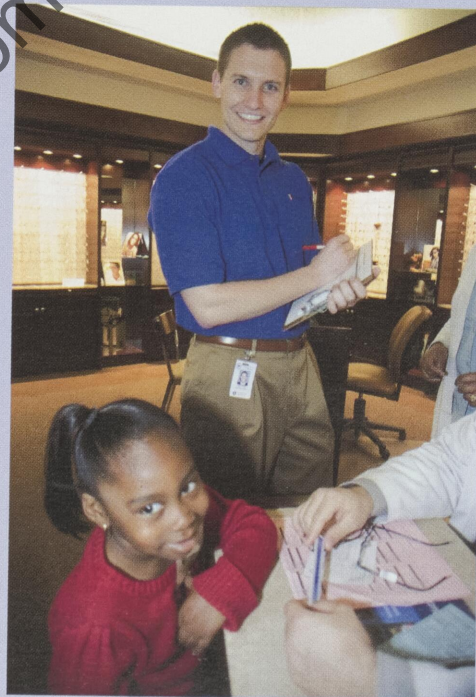
First-year students now serve as patient advocates in clinic

Who said ICO's first-year students don't get time in clinic?

They do! Starting last January, all first-year students will cycle through a new patient-advocate program that provides patient interaction on a regular basis. In 2009 after an initial pilot program, students spent one day in clinic per week for a quarter. Next year, all first-year students will participate for multiple quarters.

"ICO students have good technical skills, but they can learn even better communication skills," says Geoffrey Goodfellow, OD '01, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment, and originator of the idea. "Observing how someone really skilled can diffuse an angry patient is a good thing to watch. You can practice but it's not the same. The more students can see things in action, the better."

Goodfellow said the program is really an extension of the Private Practice Clerkship initiative that began in 2002. This ongoing program provides clinical experience to first-year students in the summer quarter. Also, Goodfellow says, "The Patient Advocate Program folds nicely into our Strategic Plan. One of the plan's goals is to provide more opportunities for students to get into clinic earlier, even in the first year. Of all the programs we have, Patient-Advocates does that best. Before the clerkship, we had nothing for the early years."



Now students report to the Eye Institute to serve as ambassadors to the clinic and advocates for the patients. They greet patients upon arrival, help them check in, escort them around the Eye Institute and assist through the examination.

"Our informal exit polling of both patients and students has been overwhelmingly

positive," Goodfellow says. "The data appear to show that the Patient Advocate Program is an incredible benefit to our patients, our students, and our recruitment potential." »

STUDENTS MEET WITH PRACTITIONERS IN NEW FORMAT FOR THE PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES SYMPOSIUM

In past years, the Practice Opportunities Symposium featured a panel of doctors onstage, and a slew of students in the audience. "You listened to doctors respond to prepared questions, and maybe could ask a question at the end," says Ajay Katiyar, who is entering his fourth year.

But at this year's career-focused symposium, now in its 12th installment, doctors were placed in classrooms instead of onstage, so that students could better pick the brains of seasoned industry professionals — and more of them. "We had doctors who run sports vision clinics, as well as alumni who opened a private practice during this recession," says organizer, Tracy Faulkner, ICO's Professional Career Development Counselor.

"Instead of having eight people in front of a room, waiting for them to say something, you pick the five people you want to talk to, and ask them questions

directly," says fourth-year student, Seth Stanton, former president of the Private Practice Club. Stanton says the format change was suggested by ICO Associate Professor Geoffrey Goodfellow, OD '01.

Stanton was intrigued by the story of Dr. Kelly Kersick, who first worked in a corporate setting in order to earn money to start her practice. "By hearing more stories, it gives me a better clue about how to go about getting started myself."

"You felt like you could make a lot of connections, ask for a business card," adds Birva Kadakia, who's entering her second year.

ForEyes executive vice president Jeff Smith, OD '83, who was also a panelist two years ago, says specific questions abounded, like how practicing differs state to state. "A lot of times they want to ask, 'I'm from Iowa, how does it work there?' and in a big forum, that's a little more cumbersome," Smith says.

In her discussion group, Renee Garofalo, OD '85, associate director of consumer products at Alcon Research, Ltd, handed out a sheet listing schools and organizations that conduct clinical research and related conferences. "I wanted to give students information that I had to search out," Garofalo says.



Tracy Faulkner, ICO's Professional Career Development Counselor



While the traditional panel was gone, the symposium, which had the theme "The Legacy of Optometry," still featured a keynote presentation, as well as the Symposium

Fair, where students could also chat with doctors. Smith, who was impressed by the number of second-year students, says that while many attendees were interested in the traditional work model of seeing patients (as well as compensation packages), the focused discussions produced some "Aha!" moments, such as, "Oh, you can work as an executive for Bausch and Lomb?"

The students certainly appreciate it. A post-session survey revealed these responses:

- "...a weekly reminder of why I'm here and what my goals are."
- "The program helped me to see what kind of clinician and doctor I want to be for my patients."
- ".... I learned many new things that I never would have in the lecture hall."
- "So many patients told me how greatly they appreciated my presence in guiding them through the clinic and helping them fill out paperwork. Some were so ecstatic at times — it made me feel good about myself. I'm much more excited to start working in the clinic now!"

"Now," says Michael R. Butz, ICO's Director of Quality Improvement and Privacy Officer, and the administrator of the program, "All those teachable moments are not lost." ❄

EYE ON STUDENTS

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Commencement

The Illinois College of Optometry's 166th Commencement ceremony was a celebration indeed, with AOA President, Peter Kehoe, OD '84, and ICO past presidents Alfred Rosenbloom, NICO '48, and Charles Mullen, OD, in attendance. The doctor of optometry degree was awarded to 148 graduates; Anne E. Dodgen received valedictory honors.

Held on May 16, 2009, in Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago, the event included the presentation of the Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Kehoe. He also delivered the Commencement address.

Kehoe urged graduates to use the information age to their advantage. "If we don't move our future forward, someone else will move it for us," he said. "It is absolutely necessary this year to communicate *ad nauseum* every day about changes in the political arena, especially as they affect health care...."

Kehoe encouraged graduates to consider themselves optocrats. "We are neither Republican nor Democrat," he explained. "We are doctors of optometry on the front line of eye and vision care."



HOUSE GUEST

Dr. Kenneth Ciuffreda spends time on campus as ICO's second visiting professor

Thanks to Sylvia and Dominick Maino, OD '78, ICO hosted its second visiting professor in as many years, the result of a program the Mainos established in 2007.

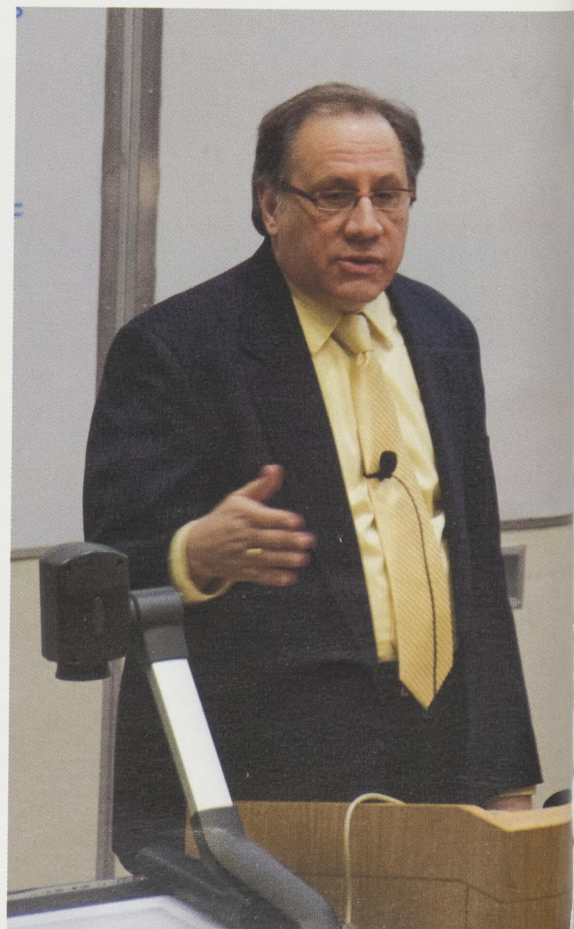
Dr. Kenneth Ciuffreda, Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY State College of Optometry, visited campus for four days this winter. He discussed research projects and made presentations to faculty, students and Chicago-area optometrists on topics that included refractive error development, traumatic brain injury, and oculomotor anomalies.

"I was very impressed by the whole event—the college, the students, the clinics, the facility and the faculty and administration," Ciuffreda said. "Having a visiting professorship program is something other colleges of optometry should adopt. Besides the honor, it allows for faculty sharing of new ideas, different points of view and perspectives, discussion of controversial issues in optometry, and potential clinical and research collaboration."

In particular, Ciuffreda "was pleasantly surprised by the presence of several really good researchers at the college. For example, Drs. Zoltoski, Pang, Roberts and Franz. This is rare for a private college with the typical fiscal constraints."

The Dr. & Mrs. Dominick M. Maino Visiting Professor Endowment Fund was created to bring nationally recognized experts to ICO. For more information, or to support the program, contact Mark Colip, OD '92, Vice President of Student, Alumni and College Development, at mcolip@ico.edu.

—Melissa Lane



EYE ON STUDENTS

HEAR HIM ROAR!

FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT MARK BURKE WINS LIONS CLUB "LEO OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Almost three years ago, then first-year student, Mark Burke, set out to charter a Leo Club in the ICO community. The Leos are the student volunteers of Lions International, a service organization founded 92 years ago, in part to address vision care needs in the community.

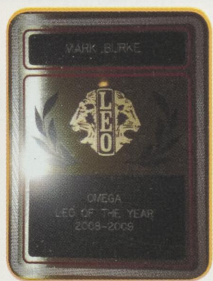
Burke secured sponsorship from the Chicago Hyde Park Lions Club, demonstrated sufficient interest on campus to warrant a club, and rounded up more than 50 students to found a club on January 1, 2008.

The first year, Burke's club participated in sports vision clinics and the Foundation Fighting Blindness VisionWalk, a fundraiser.

A year later, after becoming club president and winning the Leo Membership Growth Award last October, Burke received the Lions Club Omega Leo of the Year Award for Lions District 1-A. This is the first time the district has granted this award.

Burke earned it for his relentless energy and mobilization abilities. "I am impressed with Mark's ability to convince others to do great things," said Sandra Block, OD '81, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at ICO, and an active Lions member. "This is the making of a true leader."

— Melissa Lane



Fourth-year student Mark Burke (center) received the Lions Club "Leo of the Year Award" for service to the community.

CAMERA READY

Four students win awards in Ophthalmic Imaging course

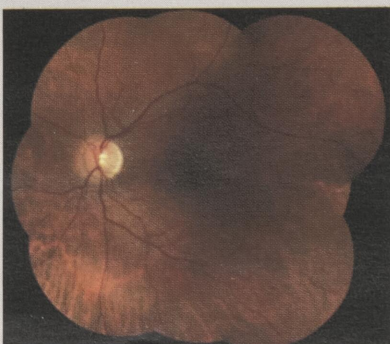
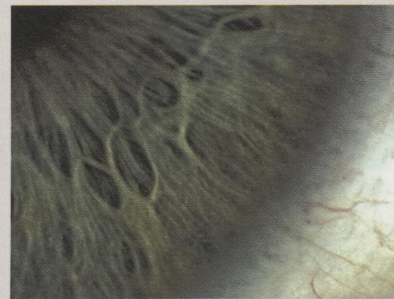
A photo contest was held for the first time last fall as part of the elective course, Ophthalmic Imaging, a new addition to the curriculum. Faculty voted on images submitted by the nine students in the class. Four won distinction. They are Delia Groshek, 1st Place; Laura MacDonald, 2nd Place; and Chad Schirner and Jennifer Burton tied for 3rd Place.

"There was a range of opinions, with all nine students receiving votes," said Dr. David Castells, who team-taught the program with originator, Dr. Elizabeth Wyles.

"I believe the number of students getting votes goes to show how good they became," said Wyles.



left: Delia Groshek - Gonioscopy with prominent vessels
right: Laura MacDonald - Iris



left: Chad Schirner - Posterior pole montage
right: Jennifer Burton - Skin tag on upper lid



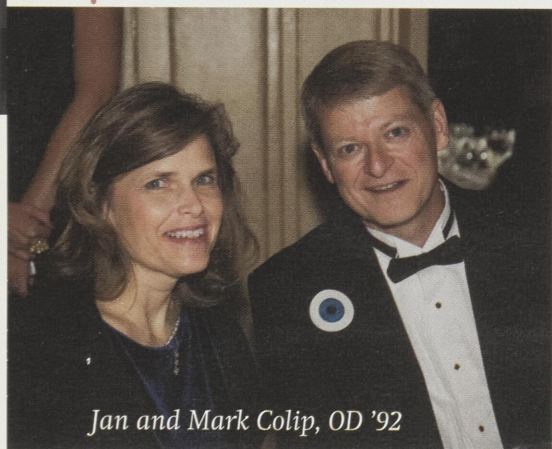
THE STORYTELLER

Mark Colip, OD '92, wants to talk about the Illinois College of Optometry

Last winter, ICO's President, Dr. Arol Augsburger, asked for a meeting with Mark Colip, OD '92, ICO's longtime Vice President for Student Affairs. The College administration was restructuring, and Colip knew the President wanted to discuss the transition. "He asked me for my thoughts about direction," Colip recalls. "I thought he was asking me as a cabinet member."

But Augsburger had other ideas. He was thinking, "We could tie student affairs, alumni relations, development and communications into one package." This would create a continuum of development running through student years to alumni advancements. He saw Colip as the kind of administrator whose energy, experience, temperament and commitment to ICO were uniquely suited to lead this combined team. "It just made a lot of sense," Augsburger says.

But Colip wasn't so sure. "My objective at that time was to get out of it," he recalls. "I literally spent two weeks coming up with why it wasn't a good idea. But Dr. Augsburger would knock down every question. He was very compelling."



Jan and Mark Colip, OD '92

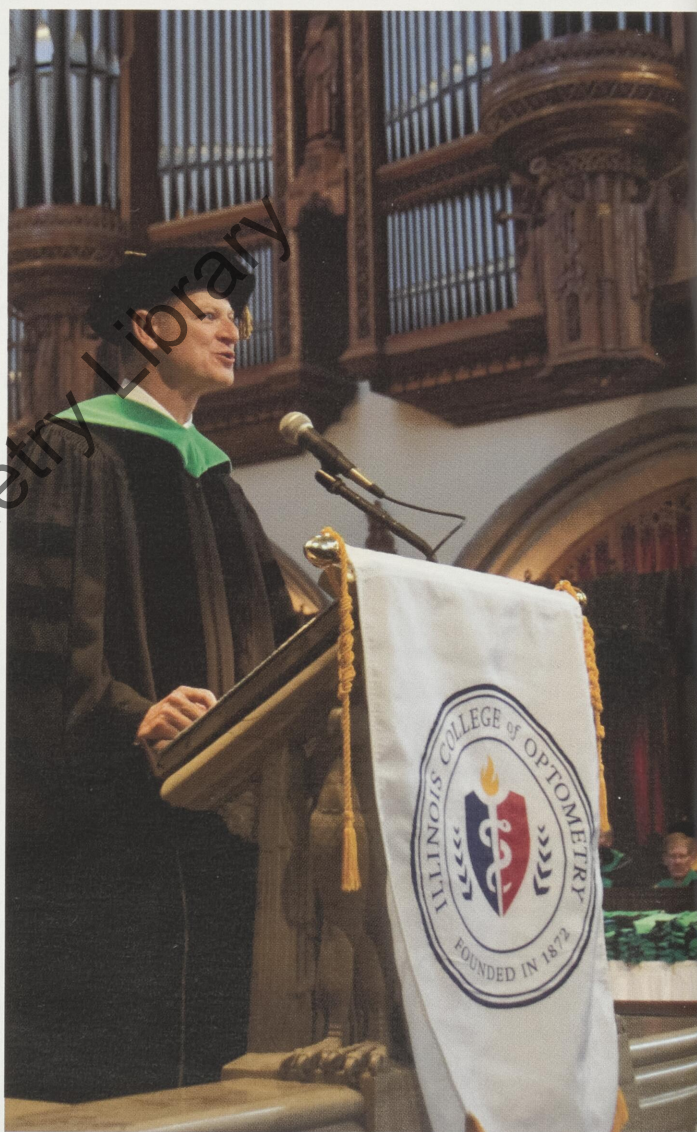
And when Jan, Colip's wife of 23 years, supported the idea, the decision was reached: Dr. Mark Colip would be appointed Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development, effective in March.

"I am just thrilled with the way the first several months have gone," says Augsburger. "Mark Colip is generally acknowledged as the best

vice president for student affairs out there. He is known in the profession for his talent and integrity. And, in his usual fashion, he has been a quick study in his new role."

"I love ICO," Colip says. "I love the mission, I always have. And I'm excited about learning something new. I'm an infant in regard to the knowledge required in running a successful development effort, but I'm working hard and good people are backing me up."

Another advantage is that Colip has, "always felt that development and alumni relations were something everybody did." Now it's just more formal ... but not really. "From my point of view, the development officer's job is to tell the story of the institution in a compelling way, so others are compelled to support it. I am ICO's storyteller. My quest is to convince people that ICO is the best college of optometry there is. And if someone wants to support us, it's a great follow up to telling the story."



Commencement, 5/16/09

ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Dr. Colip shares his plans

Q: What is your first priority?

A: Continuing to fulfill and support ICO's mission of "providing excellence in optometric clinical education."

Q: How does the new name of the office reflect new things going on in development?

A: Student, Alumni and College Development reflects a student's continuum of experience through their time as students, as they become alumni, and ultimately as they continue as supporters of ICO's mission following graduation.

I often tell entering students that ICO is now their college and it is up to them to continue to make it great. College development allows us to integrate friend and fundraising in support of the overall mission.

Q: What are your goals?

A: • Identify great potential students for ICO and assist and support them in their development as great optometrists.

• Support all of the institution's constituencies in any way possible.

• Encourage and assist in telling ICO's great success stories in ways that will compel others to participate in and support the mission.

Q: What are your challenges?

A: Not enough time in each day, week and month to accomplish all that we would like. The challenges of funding a top-notch private optometric education are large. ICO has the largest alumni base of any optometry school in the world. We need to encourage and expand the

numbers of those giving back to support the same education they now use to make their living. While ICO has a number of generous supporters, we also have plenty of room to grow. We need to continue to make a compelling case that encourages more people to give back.

Q: What's the easiest way to make a gift to ICO?

A: • Call (312) 949-7071

• Online at www.ico.edu

• Drop a check in the mail to:
Office of Student, Alumni
and College Development
Illinois College of Optometry
3241 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago IL 60616

GRANTED

Jennifer Choi joins the Development Office to focus on grant programs



Name: Jennifer Choi

Title: Director of Foundations and Grants

Prior Experience: I was the grant writer for Access Living, an advocacy organization for the disability community of Chicago, and Korean American Women In Need (a domestic violence organization for Asian immigrant women and children). Before that I was a high school English literature teacher at Wheeling High School.

ICO Job Description: I manage the Grants Program, which includes corporate, foundation and government sources.

Goals: I would like to grow and diversify the Grants Program, particularly our federal resources, and to maximize our exposure to any Recovery Act opportunities.

First Impressions of ICO: I'm honored to have the opportunity to work in a community of such great thinkers and problem solvers. The rich history and prestige of ICO, and its dedicated faculty, students and staff are all wonderful assets for me to share with potential funders.

Final Comments: Please feel free to contact the Development team to let us know of any funding opportunities you have read about in the news or from your community networks, as well as your highly valued success stories. Raising funds is a collaborative effort, and we would love your support and involvement!

Contact Information: 312-949-7073 or jechoi@ico.edu

EYE ON ALUMNI

HIGHLY RATED

ICO's financial aid office gets high marks for meeting students' needs

Believe it or not, of all the offices at ICO, the one that has consistently gotten the highest approval ratings from ICO's graduating classes is Student Services, including financial aid. ICO students love the financial aid office!

Who would have thought the process of finding funding could be so easy or go so smoothly? Bryant Anderson, that's who. He's the Senior Director of Student Services, and it just so happens the nine years of high graduate satisfaction ratings coincide with the 10 years Anderson has been at ICO.

He came from Benedictine University, where he created a, "one-stop shop for the non-academic side of student services," Anderson says. "When I moved to ICO there was a desire to do the same."

Toward that end, the College combined billing and financial aid within the Student Services Office. And campus employment (largely work study) grew within the mix. Now, Career Placement has joined the team and the office has become the Career and Financial Planning Center located in the Student Services Office. They all report to the Office of Student, Alumni and College Development (SACD).

"The one-stop shop means there's only one place students have to go to get information. Because we're paperless and highly computerized, we have the time to talk to students. They don't need an appointment. We'll talk for an hour. We have time to help them get what they want."

And, because he reports to Mark Colip, OD '92 Vice-President for the SACD office, Anderson says he has, "a lot of freedom for creativity. That's Dr. Colip's style. Instead of procedures and accounting, he has a student focus."

This has enabled Anderson to introduce innovative programming such as a financial mini series called "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." A sequence of half-hour sessions with names such as "Rock, Paper, Scissors" and "Who's on First," the program covers areas of fiscal importance without ever using the words "budget" or "financial." "What we provide is almost a teaser," Anderson says. "Students get their feet wet with me. Then they can take a 12-week elective course on financial planning, which is much more in depth."

It's all about helping ICO students manage debt, and for Anderson, that means while they're on campus and once they're off. On campus, one of his biggest and most successful programs has been the federal loan program, or work study. When Anderson came to ICO in 1999,



Bryant Anderson (center) leads the Career and Financial Planning Center team.

the program received \$280,000 annually in matching government funds. A few years ago, funding hit over \$1 million, with a current total of \$750,000 this year. "That's a huge fund for an institution this size," Anderson says. "We've been very aggressive at building those funds."

And they have been smart. Not only did ICO turn the net proceeds from the loan program into an opportunity to become its own lender, it doubled the institutional scholarship program by establishing a need-based grant.

The reason Anderson and his team are so aggressive is their desire to keep overall student indebtedness from increasing. "We're probably ranked one of the lowest in terms of indebtedness," he says. "In the long run, our graduates will be more financially independent without more debt."

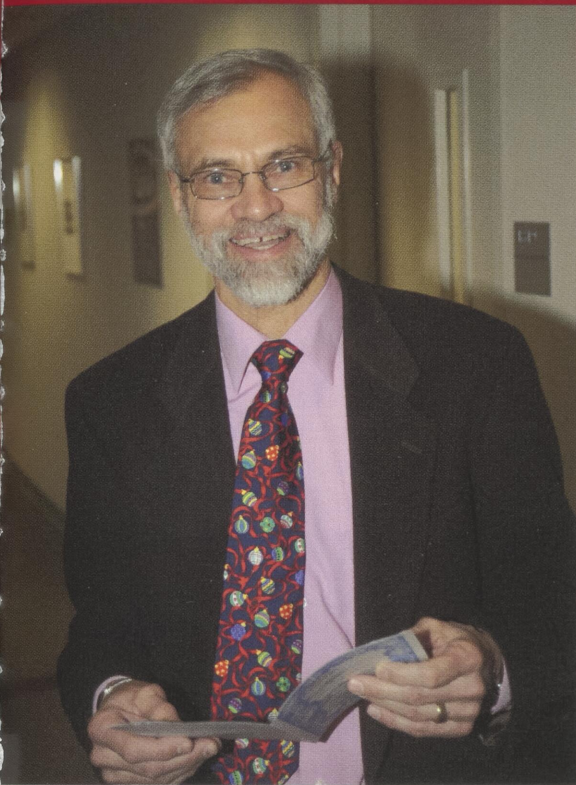
And they'll have jobs to secure them when they graduate. ICO has long provided the services of a career placement counselor, and the Practice Opportunities Symposium (see story p. 10) has been a favorite of students. But now that Career Placement has moved into the Student Services Office, Anderson hopes to, "provide a smoother transition from student life to graduates becoming active, involved alumni for the College."

His door is always open. "Alumni call and ask for recommendations or comments. They call and bounce ideas off us. We'll always be a resource. And with the new partnership in Development, we may be able to reach out more."

It's all part of Anderson's effort to, "anticipate needs and exceed expectations," he says of the culture in his office. "We thoroughly enjoy helping our students, and I think it shows. It's not a job. I want us to be known as student advocates."

MR. FIX-IT RETIRES

Jerry Dujsik to leave ICO after 23 years



It's 11 a.m. on a random Wednesday in May. Gerald Dujsik, Director of the Learning Resource Center at ICO, has an interview to discuss his retirement this summer. But before the meeting can begin, Dujsik, a.k.a. Mr. Fix-it, has to rush up to the Eyepod to manage an emergency: the computers are down. Fifteen minutes later, Dujsik is back in his office, mission accomplished, a slight swagger in his walk and a big smile on his face.

That's how everyone at ICO is used to seeing Dujsik: hands on and smiling. "More than his technical achievements and personal accomplishments, Jerry is well-loved and has been an important part of the ICO College family for many years," said Dr. Kent Daum, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, in his announcement of Dujsik's retirement. "His personal attributes of positivity and humanity will be greatly missed by us all."

Fortunately, Dujsik's many contributions to the College over 23 years of service remain as his legacy. Not only has he modernized the technical and electronic resources available to students and alumni, Dujsik has raised money to support his initiatives and served on the faculty, team-teaching the Evidence Based Health Care course. In the meantime, he co-authored a paper, made posters for conferences and became chair of the Association of Vision Science Librarians and the Metropolitan Consortium of Chicago. Dujsik is a distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

A librarian of one sort or another since he was 19 years old, Dujsik began as a student assistant in the library at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he went to college. Dujsik earned his MALS in 1970 from Rosary College (now Dominican University), and he worked as a hospital librarian until he came to ICO in 1986. That's when the Learning Resource Center was new, and Dujsik's first charge was to manage the library and media production services. From there, because of his personal interest and

technical prowess, Dujsik started going into classrooms to fix things and introducing new technology to improve the learning process for students. When the Eyepod, or Enhanced Learning Center, was under construction, Dujsik was called in to establish a system of state-of-the-art technologies. "That was a highlight," he says.

Another highlight has been VisionCite, the online indexing system for vision science periodicals, which Dujsik established as a worldwide resource and income stream for the College. "No other system is as advanced as VisionCite," Dujsik says.

And no other person could have done for ICO what Jerry Dujsik has. His list of contributions even surprised himself. "As I was putting together my list of accomplishments for the Dean, I looked at it all, and I was impressed," Dujsik admits. "I hadn't realized I'd done so much. I thought I was just doing my job."

A fine job, according to Daum. "He's one of a kind, just one of a kind."

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library

ICO's Carl F. Shepard
Memorial Library offers
all ICO alumni access
to many services.

Services include:

- document delivery from the library collection
- discounts available for access to VisionCite database
- borrowing books and multimedia
- access to library computers
- literature searches, VisionCite searches

For more information on these and other services, please contact the library at (312) 949-7160, or cshepard@ico.edu.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009

Schedule of Events

ALL ALUMNI ARE WELCOME! Hotel information: A block of rooms will be held until August 21st at the following hotels. When making reservations, identify yourself with the "Illinois College of Optometry Guest Room Block" to receive our special discounted rate.

- InterContinental Chicago (host hotel), 505 N. Michigan Avenue, Call 800-628-2112
- Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 N. Michigan Avenue, Call 800-228-9290
- The Seneca Hotel and Suites, 200 East Chestnut, Call 800-800-6261

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

Sponsored in part by USI Optometric



- 6:00 - 7:30 pm** **Class Reunion and Alumni Awards Reception**
Classes featured: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004
Toledo Room
InterContinental Chicago
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm** **Class Reunion and Alumni Awards Banquet**
Renaissance Room
InterContinental Chicago
- 9:30 pm - 12:00 am** **Alumni Hospitality Suite**
Burnham Room
InterContinental Chicago

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

Shuttle service is available to and from host hotel and campus.

- 8:30 - 10:00 am** **50 Year Club Breakfast**
Valencia Room
InterContinental Chicago
(By Invitation Only)
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm** **Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds "Wrigley Rooftop" Baseball Game and Barbeque**
Wrigley Rooftop, 3639 Sheffield Ave.
Space is limited. Transportation provided from campus.
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm** **Exhibitor Fair and Reception**
Lecture Center and Library Foyers
ICO Campus
- 1:30 - 4:00 pm** **Architectural Riverboat Tour**
Navy Pier, Chicago River
Transportation provided from campus.

1:30 - 4:00 pm

Smart Business Program

- Subspecialization: Creating a Niche for Yourself
 - Recent Graduate Panel
- Lecture Center - ICO Campus

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Campus Tours

4:30 - 5:30 pm

President's Welcome/White Coat Ceremony

Lecture Center - ICO Campus

5:30 - 6:00 pm

President's Welcome/White Coat Reception

Lecture Center and Library Foyers
ICO Campus

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Leadership Circle Reception with President Augsburg

President's Office - ICO Campus
(By Invitation Only)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Four hours of continuing education credit (non-tested) will be offered. All courses are COPE approved.

7:00 - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast and Sign-in

Lecture Center - ICO Campus

8:00 - 9:40 am

Conversations in Glaucoma

Joseph Pizzimenti, OD '89

9:40 - 10:00 am

Refreshment Break

10:00 - 11:40 am

Decades of Advancement in the Treatment of Dry Eye Syndrome, Anterior Segment Complications and Vision Correction

Janice Jurkus, OD '74, MBA

11:50 am - 1:00 pm

Campus Tours

Educational Programs sponsored in part by Alcon Laboratories

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REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline is August 21st.

Also available online at www.ico.edu/alumni/alumniweekend2009.html

Alumni Weekend September 11-13, 2009

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Guest _____

Address _____
(Circle one: home/work)

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
(Circle one: home/work/cell)

Email _____

Class of _____

Registration Options: Please submit your registration form with payment by August 21st.

Register by Mail: Illinois College of Optometry
Attn: Alumni Office
3241 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Register by Phone: 312-949-7080

Register by Fax: 312-949-7683

Register Online:
www.ico.edu/alumni/alumniweekend2009.html

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

_____ **Class Reunion and Alumni Awards Reception, Banquet, and Alumni Hospitality Suite**
6:00 pm – 12:00 am, InterContinental Chicago
\$95.00 per person

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

(Please make sure your selections do not overlap.)

_____ **Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds Wrigley Rooftop Baseball Game and Barbeque**
11:00 am – 4:00 pm, 3639 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago. Transportation provided from ICO.
\$130.00 per person

_____ **Exhibitor Fair and Reception**
12:00 – 1:30 pm, ICO Foyers
Complimentary/No Charge

_____ **Smart Business Program: Business Lecture and Recent Graduate Panel**

1:30 – 4:00 pm, ICO Lecture Center
\$35.00 per person

_____ **Architectural Riverboat Tour**

1:30 – 4:00 pm, Navy Pier
Transportation provided from ICO.
\$35.00 per person

_____ **President's Welcome/White Coat Ceremony**

4:30 – 5:30 pm, ICO Lecture Center
Complimentary/No Charge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

_____ **Four Hours of Continuing Education (non-tested)**

8:00 – 11:40 am, ICO Lecture Center
\$50.00 Alumni/\$100.00 Non-Alumni

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR A STUDENT!

_____ **Yes, I would like to sponsor a student to attend the Class Reunion/Awards Banquet**
on September 11th, by adding \$95.00 per sponsored student to my total payment.

_____ **Yes, I would like to sponsor a student to attend the Wrigley Rooftop Baseball Game and Barbeque** on September 12th, by adding \$130.00 per sponsored student to my total payment.

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

Payment Options:

☐ **Check Enclosed.** Please make check payable to *Illinois College of Optometry*.

☐ **Check Pending.** I registered via fax and my check has been mailed.

☐ **Credit Card:** Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

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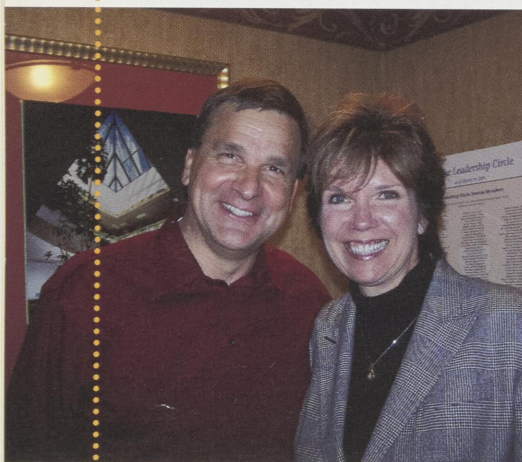
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For additional information, contact Connie Scavuzzo, Director of Alumni Development, at 312-949-7080 or alumni@ico.edu.

EYE ON ALUMNI

IOWA HOSPITALITY

The Iowa Optometric Association's convention in March was that much more fun because of ICO's alumni hospitality suite. President Arol Augsburger and his wife, Stephanie, enjoyed the camaraderie of many distinguished alumni as well as current ICO students from Iowa. Guests enjoyed good fellowship, caught the NCAA championship game and indulged in an assortment of homemade desserts provided by ICO's Director of Alumni Development, Connie Scavuzzo.



Alumni Letter

Do you remember when you were a little kid and you couldn't understand why you couldn't pick your family? And your parents sagely told you that with time, you would understand how lucky you are? Like it or not, we are all sons and daughters of ICO or its predecessor schools. By graduating from this institution, we have joined an elite brotherhood and sisterhood that only we can understand.

This fall, ICO will be hosting the annual Alumni Weekend. We are celebrating milestones for those who graduated with years ending in a "4" or a "9" but all alumni are welcome. Alumni Weekend is a Homecoming. It's a chance to visit the place where all of us have called "home" at some point in time.

And just like when you haven't visited your hometown for many years and you can't believe the development and change since you left, so it is with ICO. You will be blown away with the new state-of-the-art Eyepod that has replaced the third floor labs. Has it been so long that your memory of ICO living was Brady Hall or even Gunsaulus Hall at IIT?

Have you seen the clean, well-appointed Residential Complex on the other side of Indiana Ave.? And please don't tell me you haven't been back in so long that you haven't even seen our lecture hall, learning resource center, and modern Adams Center, not to mention our exceptional clinic and new Fait Family Eyewear Center.



But moreover, come back to visit with the administration, faculty, and classmates that are your ICO family. Like my parents told me, you grow a new appreciation and fondness with time. Our time here on Earth is precious; it's time you visit with your family. Try coming back to an old home for our Alumni Weekend.

See you there,

Mamie Chan

Mamie Chan, OD '00
President, ICO Alumni Council

CLASS NOTES

We welcome your submissions!

Please send them to:

ICO, Director of Alumni Development,
3241 S. Michigan, Ave., Chicago, IL 60616,
or alumni@ico.edu.

Thank you!

1963

PHIL ORTIZ has retired after 45 years in practice in Morris, Ill. Dr. Ortiz opened his practice on February 17, 1964 in a 17-by-14-foot office in the Tratt Clinic building on Bedford Road. "About all we could do was fit people for glasses," he said. About 40 patients of Ortiz Eye Associates attended an appreciation luncheon at the Morris Area Public Library to mark the occasion. Dr. Ortiz plans to keep up with changes in the field, maintain his license and see an occasional patient, explaining, "I am about 99 percent retired."

1967

HOWARD WOOLF celebrated with loved ones at a family wedding this spring. He provided this photo caption: (From left: Barbara Woolf (Howard's wife), Amy Woolf (Brian's wife), Brian, OD '99, (Howard and Barbara's son), Isaac (future ICO grad? What year? 2031?), Ayse (Michael's wife), Michael (Howard and Barbara's son and officiate at the wedding), Howard (me--very proud of them all!!)



1969

ROBERT P. RUTSTEIN, MS, Professor at UAB School of Optometry, has been appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG). The Executive Committee is responsible for formulating general PEDIG policies such as prioritizing studies, developing requirements for

clinical investigators, and selecting Protocol Development committees for new studies. Dr. Rutstein has been a clinical investigator for PEDIG since 1999 and has participated in all Amblyopia Treatment Studies sponsored by PEDIG.

1974

BRIAN HAMMES and his wife, Mary, attended the Grammys at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, Calif., on February 8, 2009. They won the tickets at a live auction at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home and Health Service New Year's Gala Benefit. Brian says, "It was like going to a super-concert with the best of the best." They also attended a taping of "Last Call with Carson Daly" and "Jay Leno." Brian practices at Family Focus Eye Care in Fond du Lac, Wis.

1980

ROBERT LEWENSON and his wife are the proud parents of Emily Rachel, born on June 6, 2008.

1987

JAY PETERSMA of Johnston, Iowa, was recently elected President of the Iowa Optometric Association at their annual congress in March. He also currently serves as a Contributing Editor for *Optometric Management*.

1988

JEFF KRALL, of Mitchell, S.D., has patented technology that will be marketed as part of "anti-fatigue" eyeglass lenses. This will be the first line of such lenses to be sold under the Kodak brand name. Dr. Krall said that they "work by correcting eye misalignment that results from viewing close up objects, like computer screens, for long periods of time."

2000

JEFF CIANFLONE and his wife, Karly, celebrated the birth of their second son Zackary in May.

SUZI RAKE FERENCZHALMY and her husband, Fred, celebrated the birth of the third child, Zak, on March 6, 2009.

LANA LEONE and her husband had their second child in January.

HINA PATEL and Faresh Mehta celebrated the birth of their son Surian in April.

JASON PINGEL and his wife, Mande, celebrated the birth of their son, Brecken, this spring.

2001

CHRIS MARTIN II seeks used equipment to set up an exam lane to add eye care to the Public Health Dept services in Cicero, Ill. As he is trying to meet the needs of an underserved population with a small side practice, cost is a serious concern, so he is optimally looking for donated, unused equipment or basement bargains. He can be contacted at g_eye_doc@hotmail.com.

2003

RYAN WILSON and wife Kristin, who used to work in ICO Admissions, are living near Quad Cities with their three young girls. Ryan is part of a large OMD/OD group.

2004

EMILY WALCK has been living and practicing optometry in Hartsville since 2004. She is a member of the Hartsville Kiwanis Club and the Lakeview Baptist Church.

2008

RENEE PHIPPS AND NANA OWUSU were married May 17, 2009, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The couple started their careers at ICO on the same day, interviewing on campus in 2004. Both are in a group practice in Florida.

OUTSTANDING

Faculty member honored by Illinois Jaycees

Dr. Renee Reeder, ICO's Associate Professor of Optometry and Chief of the Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence, has been named one of 10 Outstanding Young People of 2009 by the Illinois Jaycees. Nominated by the Westmont Junior Chamber, Reeder was cited for her devotion to community service and contributions as an optometrist in the community.



IN MEMORIAM

1940

ALBERT J. FREEDMAN, NICO, passed away on May 17, 2009. He was a pioneer in contact lenses, orthokeratology and his favorite, vision therapy. He was a proud veteran of WWII.

1945

ORLANDO T. GIRALDI, MCO, of Sun City West, Ariz., passed away October 31, 2008, after a short illness.

1947

HARVEY A. ABRAMS, MCO, of Elmwood Park, Ill., passed away on December 4, 2008, after a brief illness. He was an army veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge for his services in WWII. He practiced optometry in the Chicago area for many years.

ALLEN P. BORINSTEIN, MCO

1948

GERALD A. PLAISTED, NICO, of Willmar, Minn., died February 9, 2009, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. A WWII Navy veteran, he received several medals and ribbons for his patriotism. Dr. Plaisted practiced optometry in Willmar for 41 years, serving four generations of patients. He was a lifetime member of the Minnesota Optometric Association and American Optometric Association.

1949

JAMES R. NIXON III, NICO, of Lansing, Mich. died on October 31, 2008. He practiced optometry in Lansing and East Lansing for 57 years. He was a member of the Central Michigan Optometric Association and the Omega Delta fraternity. Dr. Nixon served in the Navy during WWII for three years.

JOHN R. PETRIE, NICO, of Marion, Ohio, died February 11, 2009, at the Morrow County Hospital following a brief illness. He spent five years as a naval aviator during WWII and was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant. After receiving his doctor of optometry degree from NICO, John and his wife, Margot, moved to Mount Gilead in 1948, where he opened his first practice; he ultimately settled in Lima in 1971.

CHARLES M. PULLIAM, NICO

HAROLD TACHMAN, NICO, passed away on January 17, 2009, in South Bend, Ind. He practiced optometry for more than 50 years in the St. Louis area. He was a member of the American Optometric Association, and was a past president of the Brentwood, Missouri Chamber of Commerce. He served in World War II in the Army, seeing action in Europe and the Philippines.

1950

MADISON FRANK DIXON SR., NICO, of Swainsboro, Ga., passed away on April 10, 2009. Dr. Dixon served 39 months in the Air Force during WWII. After graduating from Northern Illinois College of Optometry, he practiced optometry for 44 years in Swainsboro, Ga. Dr. Dixon was honored as Optometrist of the Year, served as President of the 1st District and on the Optometric Examining Board and Board of Directors of the 1st District. He was also a member of the College of Optometric Visual Development, wrote articles for optometric journals and lectured at the Southeastern Conferences.

JAMES E. LUTSEY, CCO

1951

MAURICE J. ENNIS, CCO

1965

CHRISTOPHER A. MCGLONE, JR., of Portsmouth, Va., died of pneumonia January 23, 2007. After retiring in the mid-1990s, Dr. McGlone became well-known for restoring historical homes in the Portsmouth area.

1977

MICHAEL ROUSE, died on April 18, 2009, after a ten-year battle with multiple myeloma. He passed away surrounded by family and friends at the City of Hope Hospital. SCCO Academic Dean Dr. Berman presented Rouse with SCCO Professor Emeritus for his years of dedicated teaching, scholarship and service that morning. Rouse had authored several texts and was a regular contributor to Academy literature and presentations.

1989

ANTONIA ORFIELD, died of breast cancer in April, 2009. Dr. Orfield was a Clinical Preceptor in pediatrics and vision therapy at the New England College of Optometry. She published research at the Mather School Clinic, which she set up in Boston. She also joined the eye clinic staff at Harvard University Health Services where she specialized in binocular vision and vision therapy. Along with authoring the book "Eyes for Learning," Dr. Orfield arranged the Harvard Graduate School of Education Conference in 2001 called "One Educational Barrier We Can Actually Eliminate: The Vision Problems of Children in Poverty and Their Interference With Learning." She retired from NECO in 2001 to write and expand her private practice in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Orfield would like her books, records and equipment to go to people who believe in the causes of behavioral optometry and treatment for those who most need it. She has extensive records of the research that led to her articles and book, including massive files and a fully equipped office. For further information, please contact her husband, Gary Orfield, at orfield@gmail.com.

ERRATUM

Former faculty member, Dr. Ted Grosvenor, died March 3, 2009, not 2008, as we listed in the Spring 2009 issue of ICO Matters. We apologize for the error.



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Alumni return for a weekend at ICO

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DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 21 – Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010
Winter Break

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Sunday, Dec. 27
College/IEI Closed

JANUARY, 2010

Monday, Jan. 4
College/IEI Reopen
Students Return

Monday, Jan. 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
College/IEI Closed

Saturday, Jan. 30 - Sunday, Jan. 31
Oral Therapeutic Agents Update Course
12 hours of credit (6 tested)
Co-sponsored by the IOA and ICO
On Campus

FEBRUARY

Friday, Feb. 12
Last Day of Winter Quarter Classes/Labs

Saturday, Feb. 20
Last Day of Winter Quarter

MARCH

Monday, March 1
First Day of Spring Quarter

Saturday, March 13
The Eye Ball Gala
*A benefit to support the Illinois Eye
Institute Foundation and charitable
programs and services of the IEI*
Four Seasons Hotel
Chicago, IL

Friday, March 26
Iowa Optometric Association
Annual Congress
ICO Alumni Hospitality Suite
Embassy Suites
Des Moines, IA

APRIL

Friday, April 2 - Tuesday, April 6
Spring Break

Friday, April 2 - Sunday, April 4
College/IEI Closed

MAY

Friday, May 7
Last Day of Spring Quarter
Classes/Labs, Years 1 – 3

Saturday, May 22
ICO Commencement
Rockefeller Chapel

ICO Alumni Council Meeting
On Campus



Brian Kirschling, OD '99, and family
visited ICO during Alumni Weekend.

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ON THE COVER

WHITE COAT For the first time, the annual President's Welcome
and White Coat Ceremony was held during Alumni
Weekend. The event brought a record crowd of more than 600 family members and alumni.

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2009 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

Applicants:	922	Mean Age:	23
Enrolled:	165	Minority:	61
Mean Cumulative GPA:	3.44	States Represented:	28
Mean OAT (TS):	345	Foreign Countries Represented:	6
Female:	103		
Male:	62		

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

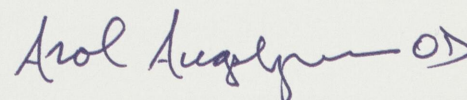
MOVING FORWARD

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR when we publish our annual report, and historically, a time when we pause to reflect on the passing year.

This year, I am happy to say, has been characterized by exceptional achievements by the Illinois College of Optometry.

- ICO students performed at historically record high levels on National Board examinations (see p. 6).
- The enhanced learning module (The Eyepod) opened during the year to rave reviews and has since been named an innovative technology utilization award winner.
- We have successfully completed an accreditation review by the Accreditation Council of Optometric Education without conditions or recommendations.
- The Illinois Eye Institute cared for over 90,000 patients who visited our facilities making us the number one provider of eye and vision care in the state.
- ICO again led the nation in the number of applicants to our professional degree program, and quality indicators of matriculating candidates continue to advance even higher.
- While traditional fundraising by the College was challenging during the year, the institution found two new sources of nontuition / nonpatient care revenue from the success of the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation Gala and from the recently approved capital budget from the State of Illinois. While timing of access to the state funds is still being explored, the commitment exceeds \$2.6M, the highest annual rate of commitment ever at ICO.
- Financial performance of the College has been within the expectation of our approved operating and capital budgets. Audit reports continue to be clean and without substantive recommendations.
- Investable assets have been managed consistent with the Investment Charter, recommendations of the Investment Committee and the policy of the Board. Our investable assets have declined due to market conditions and the funding of the Eyepod, but still exceed the conditions of our bond covenant. We have seen an encouraging rally in the market, which has erased a good portion of this erosion.
- Many members of the Illinois College of Optometry community have received national, regional or state recognition for their professional work, and serve as a credit to the integrity and reputation of the institution.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of ICO during such an extraordinary year. With your continuing support and encouragement, next year could be even better!



Arol Augsburg, OD

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	Percent of Operating Activity	2009 Total Unrestricted
Tuition and Fees	63.3%	\$18,585,519
Patient Care Services and Materials	18.1%	5,313,284
Grants and Contributions	3.8%	1,129,388
Other	1.1%	323,245
Interest and Dividends	4.4%	1,301,519
Auxiliary Enterprises	5.7%	1,686,207
Funds Released from Restriction	3.5%	1,040,644
Total	100.0%	\$29,379,806

EXPENSES	Percent of Operating Activity	2009 Total Unrestricted
Education	41.8%	\$12,206,235
Patient Care Operations	27.0%	7,905,846
Auxiliary Enterprises	7.1%	2,087,197
Institutional Support	24.0%	7,028,332
Total	100.0%	\$29,227,610
Change in Net Assets		
Operating Activities		\$152,196
Non Operating Activities		(9,035,742)
Total Change in Net Assets		(8,883,546)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		\$28,986,684
Net Assets at End of Year		\$20,103,138

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

RAISING THE BAR



Richard Kattouf, OD '72, with Les Caplan, NICO '49, (left) and Al Rosenbloom, NICO '48, (right) at Alumni Weekend this September

LISTENING TO THE NEWS, we hear the economy is down, unemployment is up, portfolios are difficult to control, foreclosures and bankruptcies are at an all time high. Yet with negative information filling the airwaves, your ICO Board of Trustees has chosen not to participate in the recession.

I urge all alumni to tour our new Eyepod. This much-needed, \$7M addition to the third floor is the most state-of-the-art clinical instruction facility in the country. It took leadership and courage on the part of the Board and administration to accomplish this change and make this level of investment in ICO.

In another initiative, the Board has been attempting to generate more exposure to the Chicagoland business and philanthropic communities for ICO and the Illinois Eye Institute. Toward that end, the Board approved the formation of the Illinois Eye Institute Foundation, and sponsored its first annual Gala in May 2009. As alumni, you can be proud of the Board and administration for taking on such a project in a rocky economy. Your Trustees gave or raised more than \$50,000 in donations to the Gala. Vince Brandys, OD '90, Senior Director for Governmental Relations and Advancement, played a lead role in the success of this venture.

I am happy to report that the event was financially profitable. It also accomplished much-needed exposure of the IEIF to a new entrepreneurial group.

I urge all alumni to contact any Trustee or administrator to find out how you can assist in "paying forward" to maintain ICO and the IEIF as the premier optometric institution in the country.

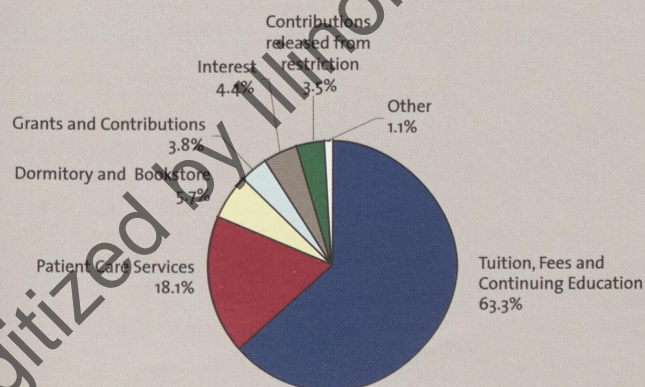
Fraternally Yours,

Richard Kattouf, OD, DOS

Richard S. Kattouf, OD, DOS

Illinois College of Optometry Unrestricted Operating Revenue

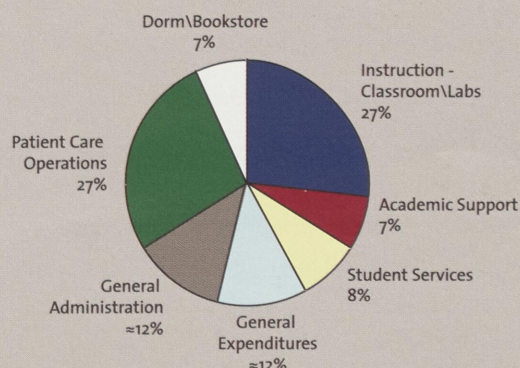
2008 - 2009 \$29,379,806



Illinois College of Optometry Unrestricted Operating Expenditures

Functional Classification

2008 - 2009 \$29,227,610



FUTURE PLANS

Minority students come to campus to focus on the future

It was both work and play for the 24 students who spent a week at ICO this summer. They were at the College as part of the second annual "Focus on Your Future" summer program.

Designed to introduce underrepresented populations to the field of optometry, "Focus on Your Future" provides minority students an opportunity to gain exposure to the profession and ICO. Through it, students meet other people with similar backgrounds and who share an interest in optometry. Other than travel and transportation fees, the program is offered at no cost to the participating students. It is funded in part by a Diversity Mini-Grant from the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

Over the course of their stay, the college students and recent graduates attended sample optometry classes and ICO student panel discussions. They also observed in the clinic, participated in career and leadership development sessions, visited private and commercial practice sites and received one-on-one admissions counseling with ICO staff. For fun, they took a trolley tour of Chicago, including a

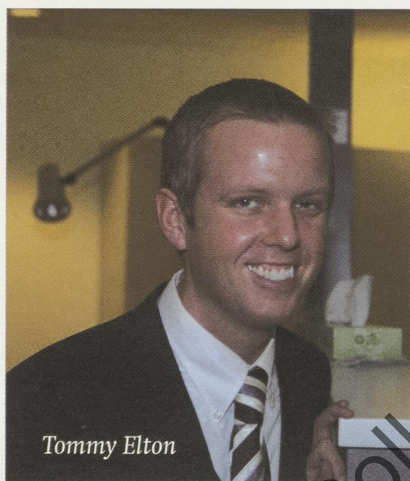
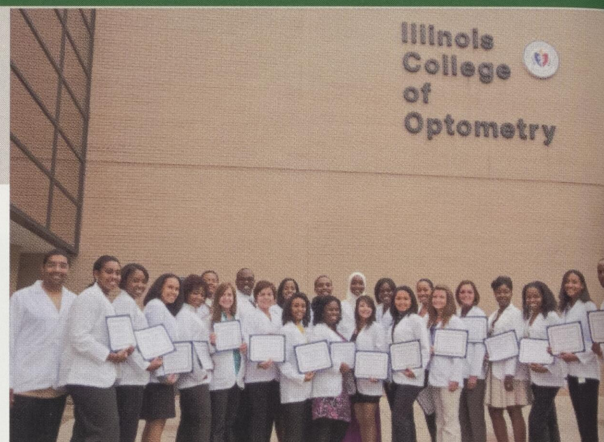
drive past President Obama's house in Hyde Park, a tour of downtown and a stop at Navy Pier.

"With a week together, we can really establish a bond with the participants," says Teisha Johnson, Director of Admissions and Marketing. "We get to know each other, and the students really get a feel for what ICO, our students, our faculty and alumni are all about."

Johnson says seven of last year's 20 participants applied to ICO after going through the program. Three were accepted.

As one of those three students, Agen Herring says, "The summer program was a great introduction to ICO and the city of Chicago. Programs like this are much needed to increase awareness about the field of optometry."

"It's great for everyone involved," Johnson adds.



Tommy Elton

Student Support

Student Association funds lane in the Eyepod

This August, the ICO Student Association gave back to the school, future students — and optometry — when it took a portion of its budget for the 2008-09 school year, and put \$5,000 toward sponsoring a teaching lane in the Eyepod.

"We were moved by the space and ICO's commitment to reinvest in our education," says SA president Tommy Elton. "That's why we wanted to commit ourselves to the space as well."

The gift was widely applauded at the College, with letters thanking the students coming from Board members, the administration, faculty and alumni. "Their leadership has raised the bar," said Mark Colip, OD '92, Vice President for Student, Alumni and College Development. "It demonstrates our students' commitment to the continued improvement of ICO facilities and their support for the betterment of education."

Courtney Krohn, SA immediate past president, reflects, "I think when students know people are spending time and money on them, they're more likely to give back."

Of course, having money to give back helps, too.

According to Elton, last year the SA budget saw a surplus of \$14,000 from one of its biggest fundraisers, the long-held student Eye Ball. The students considered how to spend the money and decided on the lane. A silver-plated plaque symbolizing the sponsorship will read, "This Teaching Lane Generously Sponsored by ICO Student Association."

Moving forward, SA is working to build the Student Association Scholarship account to \$80,000 so that it's fully endowed. "We set it up so that each year, all funds in excess of \$3,000 in our account will roll over into the scholarship fund."

—Leah Pietrusiak

TEAM EFFORT



ICO students and Vistakon/Johnson & Johnson partner to provide screenings to the Hispanic community

Jumping at the chance to address the needs of a high-risk community, ICO students volunteered to give free eye screenings at the annual conference of the country's largest national Hispanic advocacy group, The National Council of La Raza. The conference was held this summer in Chicago.

In partnership with Vistakon/Johnson & Johnson — which co-sponsored the NCLR and Latino Expo USA on July 25-27 — La Raza, ICO and IEI volunteers helped provide the first free eye screenings at the event, as well as the chance for working uninsured attendees to apply for free follow-up care.

"The Hispanic population is what we consider high risk — a lot of diabetes, a lot of glaucoma," says Elizabeth Wyles, OD, Assistant Professor and Primary Care Educational Coordinator at ICO. "And if you take a high-risk population that doesn't have health coverage, you're compounding the problem."

Vistakon/Johnson & Johnson contacted ICO when they learned the conference would take place in Chicago. "We wanted to do more than pass out pamphlets this year," says Giovanna Olivares, Manager, Clinical and Vision Sciences Research, referring to Vistakon's booth presence. "We wanted to offer a valuable service."

The partnership produced complimentary vision and eye health screenings for 294 attendees, and many findings were consistent with conditions such as diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Employed individuals without insurance could fill out applications to be considered for follow-up care, paid for by the Vision of Hope Health Alliance, a grant-funded IEI program.



More thorough screenings were made possible thanks to Carl Zeiss Meditec, which donated the use of a GDx and an FDT, and Optos, which provided an Optomap, a non-invasive laser imaging system that allows visualization of 82 percent of the retina. Twelve attending doctors and residents from the Illinois Eye Institute donated their time, as well as 93 students from ICO, more than half of the summertime student population.

The event was also an opportunity to donate language skills. "The majority of patients didn't speak English, and we have many students who are bilingual, so they helped [with communication]," says Wyles, who — along with Vistakon organizers — also speaks Spanish.

NCLR organizers plan to make the screenings a permanent component. "It was a tremendously successful event," Olivares says. "We caught a lot of undetected conditions."

—Leah Pietrusiak

BOARD SCORES

100% — the pass rate for ICO's class of 2009 on NBEO Part III

98.6% — the pass rate for the class of 2010 on NBEO Part I, when the national average was 87.3%

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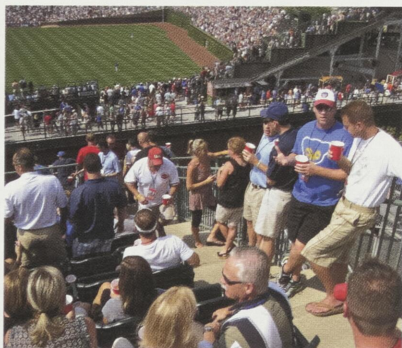
EYE ON ALUMNI

ALUMNI WEEKEND

Did you see the schedule of events lined up for alumni and friends during Alumni Weekend 2009 this September at ICO? There was so much to do during the day on Saturday, many found themselves yearning to be in two places (or more) at one time.

For example, for the first time this year, alumni could head for the rooftops in Wrigleyville for a Cubs game (Cubs lost), but only if they were willing to forego the increasingly popular Smart Business Program or an architectural riverboat tour of Chicago. The perennial events were also draws, with everyone decked out in glitter and shine for the Class Reunion and Alumni Awards Banquet on Friday, and on Saturday, forming lines at the exhibitor fair and packing the house for the White Coat Ceremony.

Still, among the events, the hugs and hellos may have meant the most. "It's just so nice to see my friends and colleagues," remarked Dennis Siemsen, OD '76, recipient of the Professional Achievement Award.



The Wrigley rooftop game and barbeque were a hit with all who attended, including ICO students who attended compliments of Jeff Smith, OD '83, who sponsored five students.



SMART BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Smart Business Program, sponsored by Alcon, featured Kara Heying, OD '98, and Tricia Rose, OD '98, speaking on "Subspecialization: Creating a Niche for Yourself." Following their presentation, Geoffrey Goodfellow, OD '01, moderated a recent graduate panel discussion, featuring Joseph Pruitt, OD '07, Surjinder Sahota, OD '00, James Sowinski, OD '01, Elizabeth Chen, OD '05, Robert Gehrke, OD '02, and Karen Deloss, OD '08.

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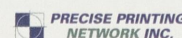
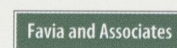
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*Bill Park, OD '77, and wife Margaret with
ICO President Dr. Arol Augsburg at the
Leadership Circle Reception.*

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CLASS REUNION & ALUMNI AWARD BANQUET 2009 Alumni Association Award Recipients

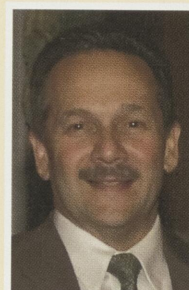
The ICO Alumni Association honors members of our community with awards for outstanding service to others and to the profession of optometry. During Alumni Weekend each year, the honorees are recognized at a reception and banquet. This year's award recipients were:



Alumna of the Year Award:
Louise A. Sclafani,
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Associate Professor
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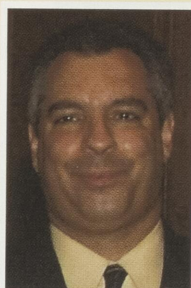
Alumnus of the Year Award:
Peter H. Kehoe, OD '84,
DOS, FFAO
Principal, Kehoe Eye Care
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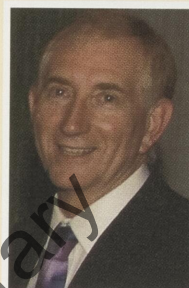
Distinguished Alumnus Award:
Steve A. Leon, OD '80
Private Practice
Villa Grove, Ill.



Excellence in Education Award for Faculty:
Rebecca K. Zoltoski, PhD
Associate Professor, ICO



Excellence in Education Award for Non-Faculty:
Joseph J. Pizzimenti,
OD '89, FFAO
Associate Professor
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Professional Achievement Award:
Dennis W. Siemsen,
OD '76, MHPE
Assistant Professor
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Humanitarian Award:
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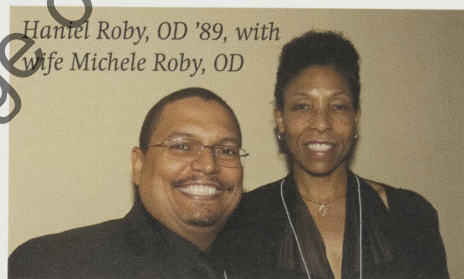


Distinguished Friend Award:
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Steve Juenger,
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Lifetime Service Award



Darrell Schlange, OD '64, a member of the ICO faculty for 45 years, was awarded the Lifetime Service Award. "Few accomplishments are the result of one person," Dr. Schlange said when accepting the award. "It's usually a group... I share this honor with my wife of 50 years, my classmates, my faculty colleagues and the students. We are all leaders in health care."



Haniel Roby, OD '89, with
wife **Michele Roby, OD**



Matthew Honson, OD '99, Richard Orskog,
OD '99, and **Scott Percival, OD '99**

EYE ON ALUMNI ALUMNI LETTER



Having recently returned from Alumni Weekend, I feel fortunate to have met many alumni from all generations, all with different, but clear points of view. The Alumni Award recipients, and all our alumni are true role models.

ICO is committed to alumni networking and leadership growth because alumni success reflects well on ICO. And when ICO – which consistently receives the strongest endorsement possible in accreditation and leads the nation in admissions applications – is held in high regard, so is our diploma.

If we are to continue on this successful path, we must make an impact on the future generation of ICO students. There are so many ways to affect a future optometrist. Consider annual giving. I often hear alums tell me they do not consider supporting ICO financially because they are still paying their loans.

However, tuition only covers two-thirds of the actual cost of an ICO education. When you were a student, your education was partly funded by alumni support. You can be a mentor, or participate in a Practice Opportunities Symposium. You can be a preceptor or host an externship site. If nothing else, talk to a pre-optometry program in your area.

You can impact the future of optometry with enlightenment. Thank you!

Mamie Chan

Mamie Chan, OD '00
Immediate Past President
ICO Alumni Council



The Alumni Council recognized Donovan Crouch, OD '63, of Storm Lake, Iowa, who just completed his third and final 3-year term as an Alumni Council member. Pictured here (above far right) with his wife Lois and ICO President Dr. Arol Augsburger, Dr. Crouch currently serves on the ICO Board of Trustees. Thank you for your years of valued service, Dr. Crouch!

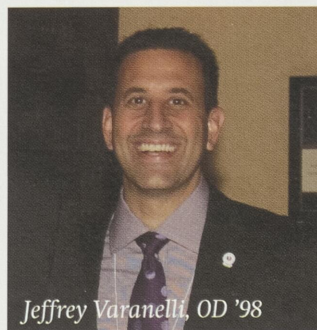
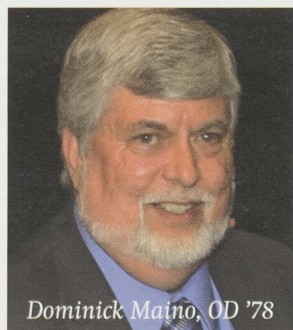
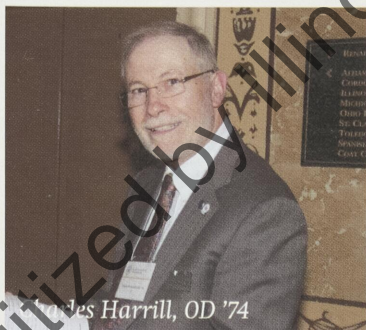
Alumni Association News

During its meeting in September, the ICO Alumni Council elected new officers for 2009-2010. They are:

- Charles Harrill, OD '74 – President
- Dominick Maino, OD '78 – Vice President
- Jeffrey Varanelli, OD '98 – Secretary-Treasurer
- Mamie Chan, OD '00 – Immediate Past President

Filling a vacant position on the Alumni Council, **Andrea McCann, OD '04**, was elected to serve her first term as a new Alumni Council member. Congratulations and welcome to the Alumni Council!

If you are interested in knowing more about how you can serve on the ICO Alumni Council, please contact Connie Scavuzzo, Director of Alumni Development, at 312-949-7080 or alumni@ico.edu.



CLASS NOTES

1949

LESTER CAPLAN, ASCO Senior Consultant and Professor Emeritus at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was awarded the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' first Lifetime Achievement Award.

1951

ROBERT JOHNSON, a developmental optometrist in Chicago, is the grandfather of Super Bowl star Larry Fitzgerald, who recently said in a COVID public service campaign that one of the keys to his success was having vision therapy as a child, thanks to his grandfather.

1965

JOHN F. AMOS was honored by the ASCO Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting for his accomplishments during his two-year presidency. Dr. Amos is only the second president in 18 years to serve two consecutive one-year terms as president.

1968

THOMAS SMITH marks 40 years in the Fergus Falls, Minn., community. He heads InVision Eye Care, where he is joined by Drs. Denise Hanson and Tara Kempfer.

1973

With 33 years of MCO experience, **MICHAEL CRON** has been appointed Dean of Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. He began his new position August 24, 2009.

1974

STANLEY A. APPELBAUM has published a new book, *Eye Power: A Cutting Edge Report on Vision Therapy*. Dr. Applebaum practices with his son, **BRYCE, OD '09**, in Bethesda, Md.

JANICE JURKUS received a grant to pursue her research study, "GP-Soft Toric Comfort Over Time."



CHARLES MULLEN, OD, former President of the Illinois College of Optometry, was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame during the 2009 Optometry's Meeting in National Harbor, Md. He is credited with planning and redesigning optometry during his 40-year career. Congratulations Dr. Mullen!

1975

LAWRENCE H. KESSLER has opened a private practice in downtown Champaign, Ill., in the historic Lincoln building on Main Street.

1978

DOMINICK MAINO'S photography was featured among national and international Italian-American artists during the Artists of Casa Italia Exhibition at the Casa Italia Cultural Center and the Addison Town Hall Rotunda.

1992

ORLANDO GUIANG won the first week of a five-week photography contest sponsored by the Hansen Company. The theme was "the beach."

2000

KERRY NAVIN JOHN welcomed baby Gillian Frances John to the world on June 29, 2009.

2001

DAT T. DO had his first son in 2008 followed by a second this June. He also opened a second practice with fellow ICO grad **LOREN RUBE, OD '00**, last October.

AARON LECH has been invited by the California Optometric Association to author a resource guide to developing a medically based practice. A book and website will be launched at the Monterey Symposium at the end of November. Dr. Lech practices at ClearVue Eye Care in Roseville, Calif.

JAMES SOWINSKI and partners have opened a third eyecare practice in Manhattan, Ill.

2006

ERIC BAAS opened Marketplace Vision, a professional eyecare clinic and eyewear boutique in August on Chicago's Near South Side. He is in partnership with ICO Clinical Instructor Keith Tyler, a former ICO resident.

2009

CHRISTINA FAST has joined Chicago's Eyes on Fremont as an independent optometrist.

ANDREW MULDER and Corlyne Liebenthan were married May 23, 2009, at Gull Lake Country Club. He is employed by Lenscrafters; the couple resides in Chicago.

ADJUNCT FACULTY

GEOFFREY F. CHIARA, Adjunct Associate Professor at ICO and Chief of Optometry Service at the Department of Veteran Affairs in North Las Vegas, Nev., has been elected Board President of Nevada State Board of Optometry.

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Thank You!

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Honorary DOS Degree Recipient
and ICO 106th Commencement Speaker

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ICO Senior Director for Government Relations
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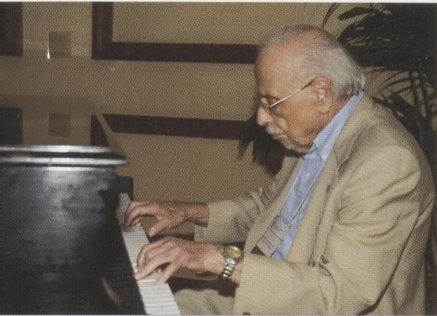
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LOUIS M. CLOUGH, NICO, of Plainview, Texas, passed away on July 2, 2009.



ROBERT J. COHEN, MCO, of Evanston, Ill., died August 6, 2009. He was an accomplished jazz pianist.

ALBERT J. FREEDMAN, NICO, passed away May 17, 2009. He was a pioneer in contact lenses, orthokeratology and vision therapy and a respected faculty member who lectured globally.

1942

HARLES T. SHROPSHIRE, NICO, passed away July 3, 2009.

1944

LEITH BERKSON, NICO, of Wilmette, Ill., died July 25, 2009.

1947

HARVEY A. ABRAMS, MCO, of Elmwood Park, Ill., died Dec. 4, 2008, after a brief illness.

1948

RONALD L. NORDBERG, NICO, of Lexington, Neb., died June 22, 2009. He served as a medic in WWII.

M. STENNER, NICO, also known as "Doc," died Aug. 27, 2009, in Casper, Wyo.

ARLTON WAY, NICO, of Fullerton, Calif., died Aug. 1, 2009.

1949

HARDNER ABNER, NICO, of Loganport, Ind., passed away March 25, 2009.

DAMON E. ALLEN, NICO, died February 15, 2009, in Elizabethtown, Ky. He was president of the Kentucky Optometric Association for three terms and the first recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Allen was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

JAMES BUCKLEY, NICO, of Fergus Falls, Minn., died Nov. 6, 2008.

JOHN ALAN DAVID, NICO, of Green Valley, Ariz., died Nov. 4, 2007.

LOWELL GOODWIN, NICO, of Garden City, Kan., died Oct. 4, 2008.

PAUL B. LEGGETT, NICO

BERNIE NICKEL, NICO, of Winfield, Kan., passed away July 8, 2009, in Maryville, Mo. He practiced optometry in Winfield for 44 years and served multiple terms on the Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

JAMES R. NIXON, III, NICO, of Lansing, Mich., died Oct. 31, 2008. He practiced optometry in Lansing and East Lansing for 57 years. He was a member of the Central Michigan Optometric Association.

JAMES R. NOLAN, NICO, of New Albany, Ind., died Sept. 2, 2008.

EMERY SIGETI, NICO, of Renton, Wash., died February 3, 2009. He served as President of the King County Optometric Association from 1960-61 and helped to start the Seattle Optometric Center. He was also a 50-year member of the Washington Optometric Association, serving as president from 1982-83.

KENNETH OSCAR STROTHMAN, NICO, of Olney, Ill., died Sept. 4, 2009. He was 93. Dr. Strothman practiced optometry in Olney for 42 years.

SABURO TAKESHITA, NICO, passed away Sept. 2, 2008, in Long Beach Calif.

1950

GREGORY T. GIBBONS, NICO, of Cambridge, Minn., died June 9, 2009.

HAROLD R. NIELSEN, NICO, of West Branch, Iowa, passed away in March 2009.

GEORGE M. YANIK SR., NICO, of Pontiac, Ill. died on Sept. 5, 2009. He was 84. Dr. Yanik owned and operated Yanik Optometry from 1953 until his retirement in 2002.

1951

HENRY LEE MITCHELL, CCO, died in April 2009. He served as president of the Optometry Association of Louisiana and as president of the National Optometric Association.

1954

SAM ZEBELMAN, NICO, of Lakewood, Colo., died June 14, 2009.

1955

ROBERT "BUCK" GILL, OD, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., died Sept. 15, 2009.

1958

JOHN D. PHILLIPS, OD, of San Angelo, Texas, died March 4, 2009. He retired in 2005 after 47 years of practice.

EDWARD F. RUSNAK, OD, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Nov. 1, 2008. Dr. Rusnak was a decorated Army medic who went on to practice optometry for 38 years. He retired in May 2002.

RONALD A. WIEDNER, OD, of Highland, Ill., passed away July 3, 2009.

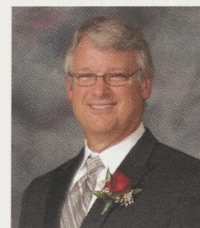
1974

ROBERT ALLARD, OD, of Andover, Mass., passed away June 5, 2009, from complications of ALS. He served as the director of the Eye Clinic in Boston and associate clinical professor at the New England College of Optometry in Boston for 20 years.

1976

CARL A. BECK, OD, of Virginia Beach, Va., died May 14, 2009.

1981



GREGG EUBANKS, OD, of Harrisburg, Ill., died Aug. 11, 2009. He served as President of the Illinois Optometric Association from 2007-2008, and was

named OD of the Year (posthumously) by the IOA.

2009 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

It is with great pleasure that we recognize these many alumni, faculty, friends and institutional donors for their generous contributions to the Illinois College of Optometry. Your financial support during fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) totaled \$842,865. We thank you for your partnership in the ongoing fulfillment of our educational mission.

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\$24,904	1968
\$15,894	1972
\$14,150	1983
\$13,890	1963
\$11,775	1976
\$10,550	1977
\$9,465	1980
\$9,230	1979
\$6,750	1966
\$6,692	1982

Best Participation

17.78%	1977
15.86%	1979
14.49%	1971
14.08%	1980
13.73%	1964
12.50%	1974
12.00%	1973
11.59%	1976
10.97%	1982
10.91%	1986

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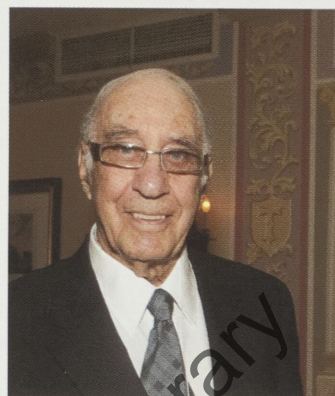
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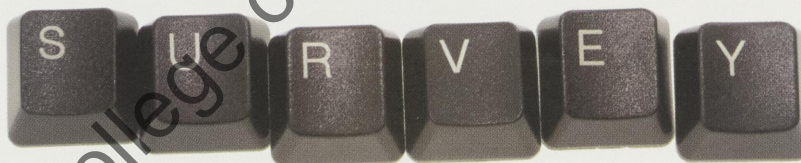
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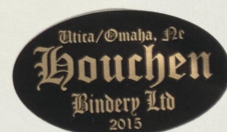
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